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We need to be better … Mayor's call for urgent upgrades at kunanyi

MOUNTAIN DUE

A complete overhaul of infrastructure on kunanyi/Mt Wellington is overdue, Hobart Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds says, with a call also for new transport solutions.

"One of the lookouts at the top needs to be rebuilt, we need to upgrade the pinnacle toilets, there's lots of ongoing track work that needs to constantly be improved," she said.

"The pinnacle's one part of the picture, [but] it's not the only part of the picture."

Ms Reynolds, (pictured), has called on the Wellington Park Management Trust to turn its focus to infrastructure needs.

"We've got a beautiful place locals love, that tourists love and it deserves to have really beautiful infrastructure … we have to keep trying to work together better than we have been in the past."

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Melting pot bubbles up

Devonport leads way for asylum seekers

Amber Wilson

Devonport may just be on its way to becoming a key point for asylum in Tasmania, or one day even a multicultural hub, based on new data highlighting trends in refugee visas.

According to figures obtained under a recent federal senate standing committee, Tasmania's top postcode for permanent protection visa applications between May 2022 and October 2023 was 7310, with 24 applications from Devonport, East Devonport, Spreyton, Stony Rise, Miandetta and surrounds.

In second place was the well-known melting pot 7009 postcode, encompassing Moonah, West Moonah, Lutana and Derwent Park, which had nine applications for permanent asylum in the same 18-month period.

In equal second was the 7307 postcode, with nine applications for Latrobe, Shearwater, Port Sorell, Squeaking Point, followed by eight applications for the 7252 postcode for towns north of Launceston such as Dilston, Hillwood and Swan Bay.

Other districts reaching the top 10 for permanent protection visas were the 7320 district of Burnie, the 7018 eastern suburbs including Howrah and Rosny Park, northern Launceston suburbs like Invermay and Mowbray, central Hobart and northern Hobart suburbs like Glenorchy.

In the same period, the central Hobart postcode of 7000, which also encompasses North Hobart, West Hobart, Mount Stuart and Glebe had 27 refused applications for the same type of visa.

The number of successful applications was smaller, with the most luck for the 7140 postcode of New Norfolk, Ouse, Lachlan and Molesworth.

Fewer than five applications were successful in a number of other districts like the north Launceston suburbs, the area surrounding Mt Nelson, Moonah and surrounding areas, Blackmans Bay and the Devonport region.

The data, which was sourced under request by Queensland Senator Paul Scarr, also showed refugees were applying in far greater numbers online compared to those seeking the services of lawyers or migration agents.

Devonport mayor Alison Jarman said while she understood there were strict criteria for people seeking to make Australia their safe haven, her district was "certainly embracing" an increase in multiculturalism.

She said the Migrant Resource Centre was now based at the Devonport paranaple Arts Centre two days a week, and a "marvellous international cafe" that met there each month.

"Certainly we embrace multiculturalism, because that's what Australia is all about anyway," Ms Jarman said. "Everything's evolving. Everything's growing and everything's changing, which is wonderful."

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GREAT MOSCOW CIRCUS
THE GREAT MOSCOW CIRCUS

Moscow Circus performers, Gagik Avetisyan, Paris Lavigne-Isherwood, Valeriia Pivovarova, Kasey Parker, Elly Rowbotham, Tamika Weber, Tianni Weber, Tahlia Weber and Cruz Weber. Picture: Chris Kidd

Show goes on for circus family

Genevieve Holding

From BMX daredevils to awe-inspiring aerial performers, the Great Moscow Circus is bringing its new "extreme" show to Tasmania with a troupe of Australian and international performers.

It's the first stop of the new season for the Australian circus company which has performed since 1991, with the addition of Australia's top BMX and scooter riders, an Extreme Wheel of Death attraction and the Globe of Death showcasing the troupe's incredible abilities.

The Weber family make up a large part of the performers in the show, with Tamika, Tahlia, Tianni and Cruz Weber all 7th generation circus performers.

Tahlia, a solo trapeze artist, Tianni, a silks performer, Tamika, a dancer and Cruz, a BMX rider, bring varying skills to the stage.

"It's been a long time since we've been in Hobart and we are excited to bring the new shows to audiences around the state," Tahlia said.

The Great Moscow Circus name was bought back in 1991 by the Edgley family following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

The Weber and Edgley families then built up the business in Australia and New Zealand, earning a new name for the trademark.

International performers certainly brighten the show, with Armenian-born Gagik Avetisyan – or Gagik the Clown – travelling from his home in Germany.

"This year is 30 years since I've been in the circus," he said.

"This is also my first time in Tasmania."

The Hobart shows begin this Friday and run until January 28, then it's on to seasons in Burnie, Launceston and Devonport.

Storm claims hit 19,000

Thousands of policyholders impacted by devastating storms have lodged millions of dollars worth of claims with insurance giant Suncorp since the end of November last year.

Suncorp said as of Tuesday night there have been 19,000 claims from NSW, Queensland, Victoria and the ACT from policyholders over damage caused by storms.

Queensland – which was hit by the ex Tropical Cyclone Jasper in the state's north and floods in the south east – has been hardest hit with a total of 12,500 claims of which 9500 home claims.

Suncorp said it expected more claims as the full impact of the current flooding in South East becomes known.

The company said it is too early to provide a total forecast cost of these events given their ongoing nature.

Man charged for fires

A Blackmans Bay man has appeared in court after being charged with deliberately lighting a series of vegetation fires at Tolmans Hill on New Year's Day.

Timothy Joel Sanders, 39, appeared briefly in the Hobart Magistrates Court on Tuesday after allegedly setting fire in a bushland area in the suburb.

He has not yet entered pleas to unlawfully setting fire to property, destroying property and driving while exceeding a prescribed alcohol limit.

Tasmania Police allege the fires were lit near the Southern Outlet and Old Proctors Rd shortly before 5.30pm on January 1.

The fires were contained by the Tasmania Fire Service, with no damage to property reported.

Mr Sanders was due to apply for bail on Wednesday.

We understand clucks

Seven out of 10 humans can correctly tell if a chicken is happy or not based on their clucks, according to Australian researchers.

A University of Queensland team recruited nearly 200 people and played them recordings of different chicken calls – some where they were expecting a reward and some from other contexts.

The researchers say 69 per cent of participants correctly guessed whether a chicken was excited about a potential reward, and previous experience didn't appear to change how accurate their guesses were.

The researchers say this provides evidence that we may be able to innately perceive the emotions of chickens, which could help us make better choices about their welfare.

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Housing scheme helping Aussies into ownership

Judy Augustine

More Australians have taken up the offer of federal government assistance to buy a home, after rules were changed to be eligible for the help if they wanted to buy a house with a friend.

Under the Home Guarantee Scheme, buyers can purchase a home with as little as a five per cent deposit, without having to pay lenders mortgage insurance.

In July last year, the First home Guarantee and the Regional Fire Home Buyer Guarantee were expanded, allowing friends and family members who planned to lodge a joint application to access the assistance.

Prior to this, applicants needed to apply solo or with their spouse.

Federal Housing Minister Julie Collins. Picture: Nikki Davis-Jones

Six months after the rule change, there were more than 300 joint applications between friends and non-marital family members.

"We've now got more than 300 Australians that would not have purchased a home, that have been able to because we changed the eligibility in terms of friends and siblings," Federal Housing Minister Julie Collins said.

> “Rather than just couples applying for the home guarantee scheme, friends, siblings can go and apply for the scheme
>
> **Julie Collins**
> **Federal Housing Minister**

"What we are trying to do is support Australians into home ownership.

"Rather than just couples applying for the home guarantee scheme, friends, siblings can go and apply for the scheme."

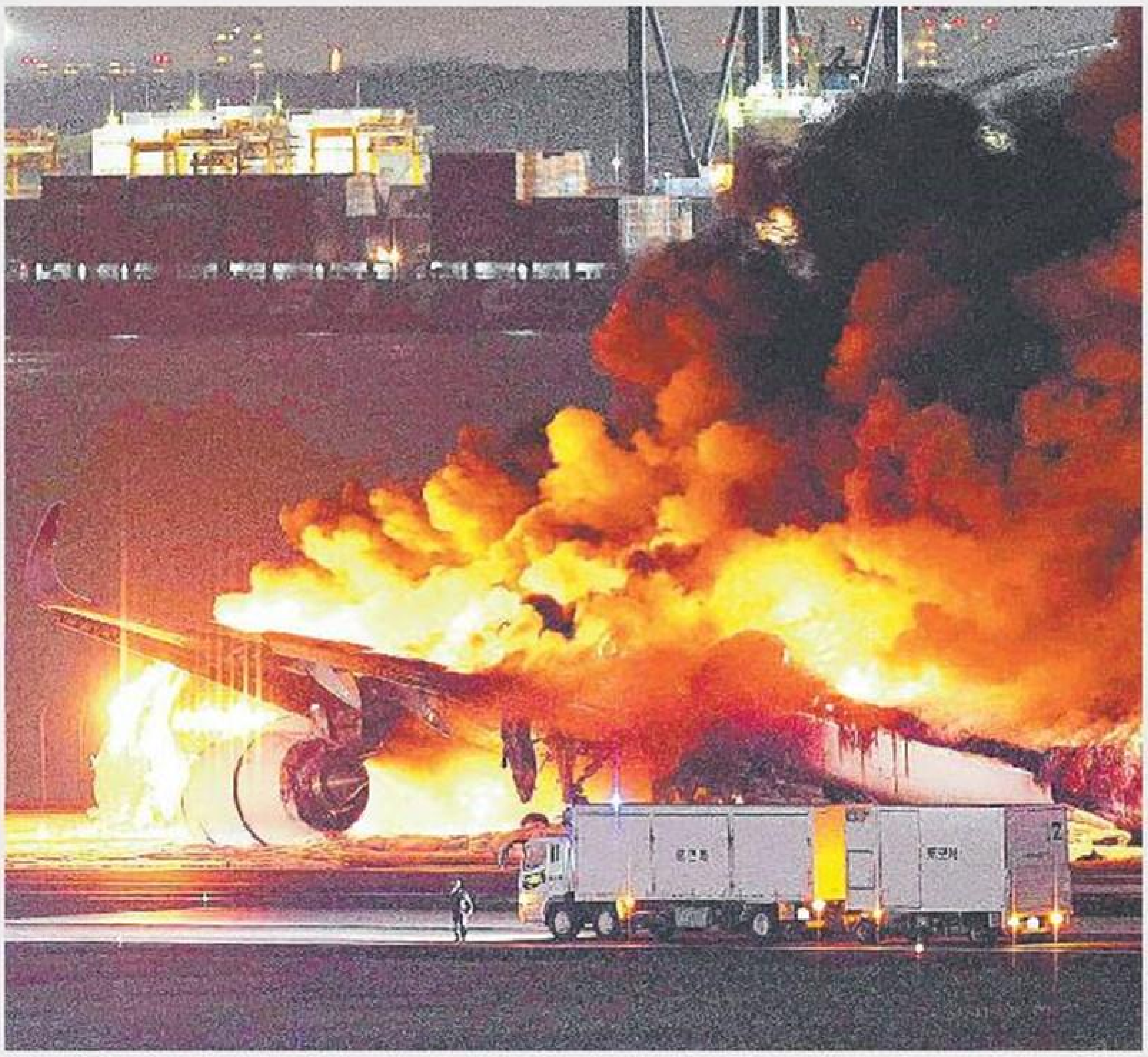
Per year there are only 10,000 places available for the regional first homebuyer guarantee and 35,000 places for the first home guarantee.

And there are other conditions: The application can't be with three or more people, there are price caps, depending on where the home is located, and only those earning less than $125,000 on their own, or $200,000 combined for joint applicants are eligible.

The eligibility was also changed to allow those who haven't owned a home in 10 years to be able to access help.

Since May, 2022, 1211 Tasmanians have accessed the Home Guarantee Scheme, including 586 in Hobart, 233 in the North and North East of the state, 27 in the South East and 365 in the West and North West.

Miraculous escape from burning plane



A Japan Airlines jet burns on a runway in Tokyo after colliding with a coast guard aircraft. Picture: AFP

Zoe Smith

Twelve Australians were among passengers who made a miraculous escape from a Japan Airlines jet that burst into flames after colliding with a coast guard plane at Tokyo's Haneda Airport.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said all the Australians involved in the deadly crash were safe and accounted for.

All 367 passengers and 12 crew members escaped Japan Airlines flight JAL-516 before it was engulfed in flames.

But five of the six crew members from the smaller plane — bound for central Japan to deliver aid and supplies after Monday's huge earthquake — died. Department of Foreign Affairs officers have been deployed to check in with the Australians but there have been no reports of injuries.

The pilot of the de Havilland Dash-8 Japan coast guard aircraft escaped and survived but the five crew members died, Japanese Transport Minister Tetsuo Saito said, cautioning that "we're not at the stage to explain the cause" of the accident.

Dramatic footage showed people fleeing the Airbus A350 on inflatable slides, minutes before the blaze ripped through the aircraft.

The tragedy was the first major accident involving an Airbus A350, which is a new aircraft built from materials such as carbon fibre-reinforced plastic.

PM cops flak for plan to fix crisis

Jessica Wang

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has been slammed online over plans to ask public servants for help in addressing the cost of living crisis after telling Australians not to expect a cash handout anytime soon.

Anthony Albanese

The Prime Minister said he had asked the Treasury and Department of Finance to devise ideas that could be announced in the May federal budget; however, cash splashes and spending would be curtailed to avoid inflation.

"We asked them to give consideration to what are the measures that can take pressure off families on cost of living without putting pressure on inflation. That's the key issue," he said.

"If you were just to distribute additional cash to people, you potentially make inflation worse and therefore don't help to solve the problem."

The plan, presented during Mr Albanese's first press conference for the year, was rubbished online by Australians who describe the Prime Minister as "desperate" and the current crisis as a "living nightmare".

"So, Albo is going to 'help with the cost of living at the next budget'. Then of course any measure in the budget won't actually happen until the following year. And, he's asking for ideas. Why are we paying this clown?" asked one user.

As an example of how the ministries could help, Mr Albanese used the government's Energy Price Relief Plan, which was developed with state and territory governments to introduce price limits on gas and coal.

The NSW and Queensland governments have set a $125-a-tonne price threshold on coal used for electricity generation.

The Danish royal family, Queen Margrethe, Prince Frederik and Princess Mary mark a milestone for Prince Christian (left) who will become the Crown Prince. Picture: Instagram

Mary's majestic rise

Crown Princess will receive title of Queen at coronation

Zoe Smith and Adella Beaini

Crown Princess Mary's new official title has been confirmed as the countdown to the Australian-born royal's historic proclamation ceremony continues.

After they are crowned at Christiansborg Palace in Copenhagen on January 14, the royal couple will officially be known as His and Her Majesty King Frederik and Queen Mary.

"On Sunday 14 January 2024, HRH the Crown Prince will take over the Danish throne as HM King Frederik 10," the Danish Royal House said in a statement.

"HRH the Crown Princess will from the same date be HM Queen Mary.

"The royal couple will henceforth bear the title of King and Queen of Denmark."

The Royal House also confirmed that the pair's 18-year-old firstborn son and future king, Prince Christian, will be officially referred to as HRH Crown Prince Christian.

Crown Princess Mary's mother-in-law Queen Margrethe, who defied centuries of Danish tradition by abdicating from the throne and is currently officially known as HM The Queen, will bear the title HM Queen Margrethe.

Princess Mary and Prince Frederik both get new titles.

The Tasmanian-born Crown Princess and her husband will be proclaimed rulers of Denmark in a low-ley ceremony at Christiansborg, the historic building that has an 800 year-long history as Denmark's centre of power. The coronation will likely take just five minutes, which was the length of Queen Margrethe's ceremony when she was crowned on the balcony at Christiansborg in January 14, 1972.

It comes as Prince Christian is tipped to receive a huge royal salary drawn from Denmark's state budget, which could be in the millions, following his grandmother's shock abdication.

The young royal was entitled to an allowance once turning 18 last October but the Danish Royal House said he would not take the money until completing his education or if the line of succession changed.

While it is unclear exactly how much money exactly he will receive, it is expected the student will pocket millions of Danish Krone tax free each year. Under the Royal Danish Income Tax Act, he will also be exempt from paying income tax.

His grandmother, Queen Margrethe, receives about 100 million kroner ($21 million) annually to help support her living and staffing costs.

Both Crown Prince Frederik and his mother Queen Margrethe received royal allowances from the age of 18, however they were both heirs to the throne by that age.

Prince Christian is in his last year of school at Ordrup Gymnasium in Gentofte, a public school in the northern suburbs of Copenhagen which prepares students for university,

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Heroes' welcome for last yacht across line

Sylph VI, Robert Williams, with shipmate, Oli the cat. Picture: Chris Kidd

Crew, Oli feline better after crossing finish

Genevieve Holding

Gift bags and hugs were exchanged at Franklin Wharf as the final yacht in the 2023 Sydney to Hobart race docked on Wednesday.

But the gifts weren't for the crew of Sylph VI.

Yacht owner Robert Williams's cat Oli has taken the sailing community by storm as the first cat to race in the Sydney to Hobart, gaining the a horde of fans at the Hobart waterfront.

The 10-year-old cat handled the 628-nautical mile journey like a champ according to his owner, despite rough sailing across Bass Strait.

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"It was probably the most tiring night crossing the Bass Strait, just because of the navigation and the concentration, light winds, but strong headwinds," Mr Williams said.

While finishing after his pre-race target of New Year's Day, Mr Williams and his co-skipper Chris Warren said the finishing time of seven days and 19 hours was good for one of the oldest boats in the fleet.

Sylph VI crossed the finish line at 8.26.16am on Wednesday.

"It's an older and obviously slower boat and with the conditions we got, light winds and stronger headwinds, it doesn't suit the performance profile of the boat," Mr Williams said.

"There were a couple of times where we dropped the sails and just floated because we weren't going anywhere.

"Finishing a Sydney to Hobart, even if you finish last, is an incredible feeling."

The Sylph VI crew also had the honour of scattering the ashes of David 'Lawso' Lawson near Flinders Island as part of his dying wish to rest at sea.

A life member of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia and a renowned member of the sailing community, Mr Lawson competed five times on the Sylph VI as well as on 28 other occasions in the Sydney to Hobart.

"I felt very privileged to do that on behalf of the Lawson family and it was a really nice intergenerational connection with the boat," Mr Williams said.

Arriving into Hobart, Mr Williams and Mr Warren were shocked to see the amount of support for maritime moggy Oli.

"The crowds singing Oli a song on the finish line was really special," Mr Warren said.

"We had heard a few things, but had little connectivity offshore, we know that he has had a lot of publicity though."

Kayakers rescued following search

Molly Appleton

A kayaker and his teenage son have been found safe and uninjured after a drawn out rescue spanning hours on the South Esk River.

Police were alerted to the pair's trouble by a concerned family member at about 9pm on Tuesday after the father and son didn't arrive at their destination as planned.

They had been kayaking from Longford to Hadspen and had not been seen since 3.15pm.

Police used drones and activated Polair, to conduct an air search while SES volunteers were called in to conduct a ground search.

The drone pilot located the missing kayakers on a small island in the river near Mill Dam at about 1.20am.

Their rescue was delayed because of heavy tree cover preventing the Polair helicopter from landing.

Surf lifesaving vessels instead were deployed and the father and son were safely rescued at about 4.30am.

Tasmania Police Inspector Michael Johnston was happy with the result, saying the pair were inexperienced kayakers and had underestimated the river conditions.

"Both were wearing life jackets, however, neither had taken a mobile phone, and were unable to contact emergency services when they encountered difficulties," Inspector Johnston said.

"It was the pair's first time attempting the route, and they had been tipped from their kayaks multiple times before they no longer felt safe continuing their trip."

He said the fast flowing river with heavy tree cover proved challenging.

"While this was the best result we could have hoped for, it could have easily ended in tragedy," he said.

Inspector Johnston remained anyone going on to the water in any vessel to be prepared and plan ahead.

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Spring in steps as visits surge

Simon McGuire

New data has shown a strong spring quarter for Tasmania's accommodation and hospitality sector.

The Tasmanian Hospitality Association's (THA) Hotel Occupancy Report for November shows 80.42 per cent of available rooms across the state were booked.

This is up 6 per cent from October and is the first time occupancy rates have been above 80 per cent since a March record of 88.21 per cent.

For spring, Tasmania had a 74.69 per cent occupancy rate, down more than 3 per cent from the same quarter in 2022.

However, THA chief executive Steve Old said the statistics were a great sign after a sluggish winter where cost of living pressures and pent-up demand for overseas travel impacted local figures.

"The entire 2022 year saw record after record broken for our accommodation operators, so to essentially be on par with our 2022 spring is extremely positive," Mr Old said.

"We know the middle of last year was tough for industry for a host of reasons.

"These figures are trending in the right direction and everything points to summer, which is our peak tourist season, being highly successful.

"There is a real buzz around the state at the moment and I have no doubt it will continue in the coming months."

Kim Robinson, owner of North-West luxury accommodation provider The Cove, agreed it had a strong spring.

"I think that people are discovering Tasmania; our food, our views and our landscapes," Mrs Robinson said.

"It's a small island, and you really need three weeks to do it properly.

"Covid forced Tasmanians to holiday at home, and they are now returning because they had such a good time.

"We've also got an increase in international visitors too."

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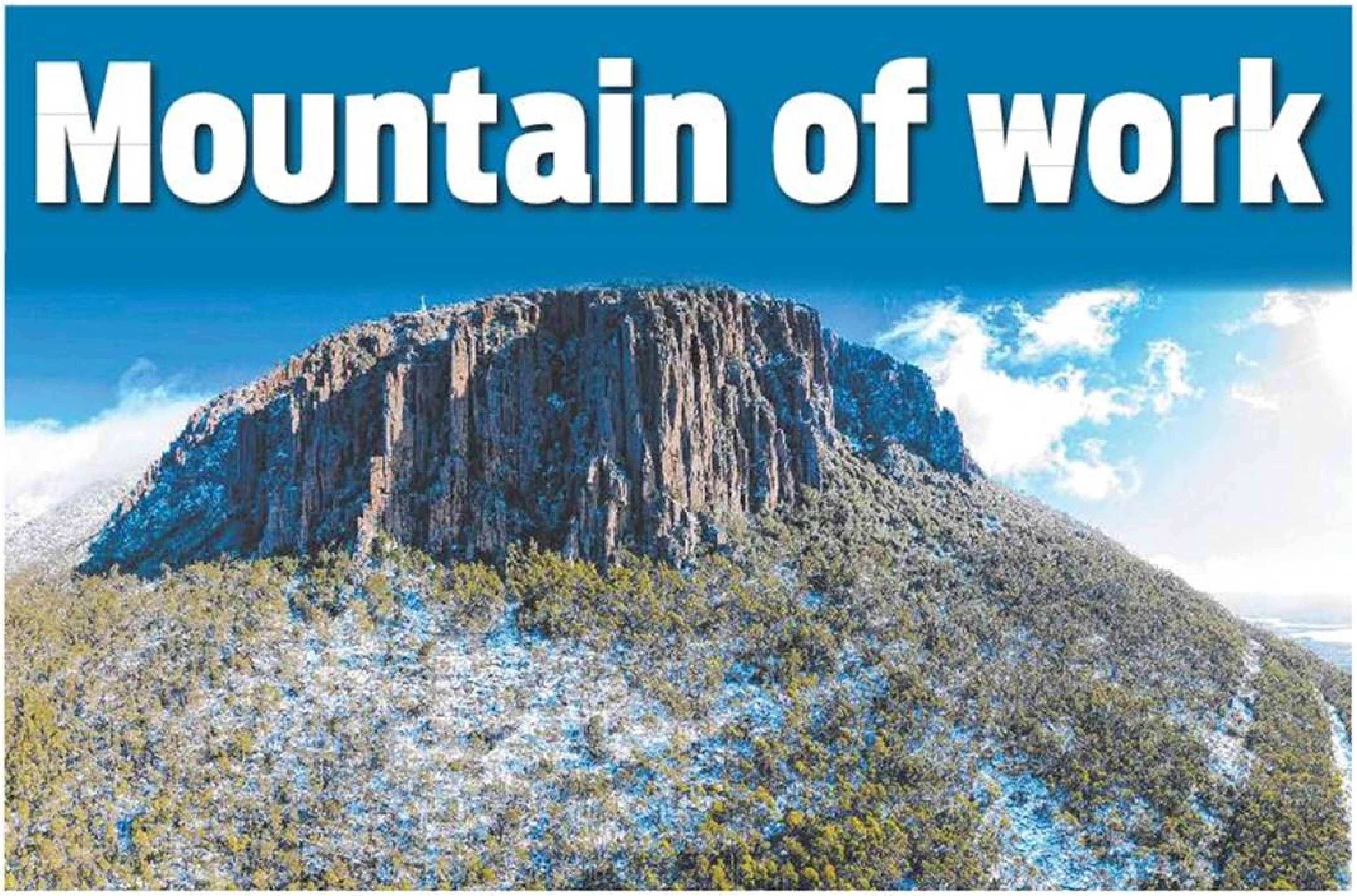
Mountain of work



Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds (below) is calling for upgrades to infrastructure on kunanyi/Mt Wellington. Picture: Hobart City Council

Mayor calls for major upgrades on kunanyi

Judy Augustine

A complete overhaul of infrastructure is needed on kunanyi, Hobart Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds says, and she believes conversations also need to be had about new transport solutions for the mountain.

Ms Reynolds said there was a list of improvements needed.

"One of the lookouts at the top needs to be rebuilt, we need to upgrade the pinnacle toilets, there's lots of ongoing track work that needs to constantly be improved," she said.

"The pinnacle's one part of the picture, it's not the only part of the picture.

"Having better power options at the springs ... we need a better solution to power than a diesel generator, we need to upgrade the springs toilets.

"We really need to think creatively about how we implement some of the upgrades."

> "We've got a beautiful place locals love, that tourists love and it deserves to have really beautiful infrastructure
>
> **Hobart Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds**

She hoped the Wellington Park Management Trust would turn its focus to the infrastructure needs.

The Hobart City Council is one of six groups represented on the board of the trust.

"[kunanyi] is the most highly visited natural place in the state," Ms Reynolds said.

"We've got a beautiful place locals love, that tourists love and it deserves to have really beautiful infrastructure.

"We have to keep trying to work together better than we have been in the past as the Wellington Trust partners."

Ms Reynolds said there was also a need to improve transport up the mountain, but she said talks had stalled because of the proposed cable car.

The Mount Wellington Cableway Company's application for a cable car was rejected in 2021, a decision upheld by a tribunal in 2022.

"It's basically put on hold any sensible park planning for the mountain for a decade because we couldn't really put forward any projects that didn't involve one particular group's cable car," she said.

"We've got a lot of catching up to do."

Ms Reynolds said it was now time to look at other options for the mountain.

"I've said to the state government, rather than them backing one option which has previously failed to get planning approval, why don't we put out an expression of interest to see what sort of options are out there for transport operators, who can improve and provide more transport options for people wanting to go to the mountain," she said.

"I know, for example, some of the bus operators have a vision of increasing their services, but they would like there to be somewhere like the Halls Saddle for people to get their buses from, rather than having to get them from the city.

"It would be good to do some more work in that space, thinking about the best, cheapest, simplest, easiest to implement transport improvements on the mountains."

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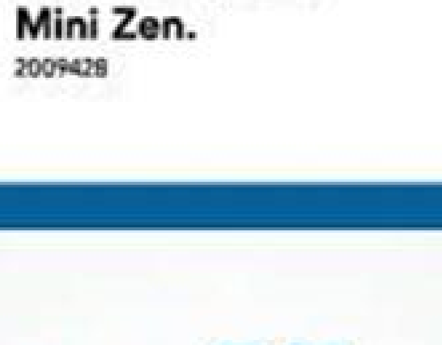

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Deadline was just hot air

Climate campaigners slam minister's inaction on emissions plan

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Tasmanian Conservation Trust CEO Peter McGlone.

The politician spearheading Tasmania's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions has been accused of failing to meet the requirements of the state's climate change legislation after the Rockliff government missed the deadline for the release of a key emissions reduction plan.

Environment and Climate Change Minister Roger Jaensch has been leading public consultation around the government's draft emissions reduction and resilience plan for the transport sector.

Transport accounts for about 21 per cent of Tasmania's greenhouse gas emissions, (excluding land use, land use change and forestry), with the majority of transport emissions coming from cars, heavy-duty trucks and buses and light commercial vehicles, according to Australia's National Greenhouse Accounts.

The government is required to develop emissions reduction and resilience plans for seven key sectors, including waste, energy, and agriculture, after the state's Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008 was updated in November 2022. The transport plan is the first being developed.

The act enforces an emissions reduction target for the state of net zero emissions or lower from 2030.

According to the legislation, the government was required to prepare the transport plan by November 30, 2023 – a deadline it appears to have missed. Consultation on the draft plan began in October and closed on November 29, which would have given the government a mere day to consider public feedback before preparing the final plan.

Tasmanian Conservation Trust CEO Peter McGlone said Mr Jaensch needed to "take responsibility for the deadline for this crucial first plan being missed".

"In my opinion, the minister has contravened a critical requirement of legislation that he himself introduced," Mr McGlone said.

"There is no good excuse for missing the deadline as the government has had 12 months to develop the plan. If the government is to be taken seriously on promises to reduce carbon emissions, the minister should resign.

"Whatever the reason for missing this deadline, the result will be that there is yet another delay by the Liberal government acting to reduce carbon emissions in Tasmania's transport sector."

The Mercury approached Mr Jaensch for comment but received a response from a government spokeswoman, who said Renewables, Climate, and Future Industries Tasmania (ReCFIT) was "in the process of analysing the submissions and anticipates releasing a final plan (in early 2024)".

"The plan is a complex area of the act that needs to be considered in conjunction with other sectoral emissions reduction and resilience plans," she said.

The other sector plans are due to be finalised by November 30, 2024.

Climate action campaigners criticised the draft plan, saying it made no new policy commitments, such as increasing the number of bus services or incentives for electric vehicles.

Bright tennis mural poised to bring joy

Artist Dr Jamin Kluss with his mural, titled Poise, at the Domain Tennis Centre. It features former players who have competed at the tournament. Picture: Chris Kidd

Grace Baldwin

Tasmanian artist Jamin has painted a vibrant, brightly coloured mural to celebrate four female athletes who previously competed in the Hobart International.

Lighting upon one of the walls of Centre Court at the Domain Tennis Centre, the vivid shades of purple, pink, orange and yellow connect and weave together athletes Elise Mertens, Angie Cunningham, Serena Williams and Amy Frazier.

Jamin said the guiding idea behind the artwork was the notion of "poise".

"To that end, it's that sense of balance and control, and then also this idea of a moment within a moment, and how, especially in tennis, but also in art and dance, and all sorts of things, it's just at that particular moment, everything slows down, and the moment expands," he said.

"I wanted to try and capture some of that, so it's sort of the abstraction of the racket, sort of indicating that moment in time was being stretched out.

"It took about nine days and about 50 cans of paint to finish, which doesn't sound too crazy but I was dealing with some insane weather while trying to get it done.

"When people look at it, I would hope they feel a sense of joy and celebration, but also to understand that idea of poise and how in sport, as well as other activities, it's a beautiful moment to happen.

"Maybe if there are some aspiring athletes, some young people or young players walking by who see it and can take some inspiration from the mural."

One of the athletes in the mural, Angie Cunningham, is the player whom the trophy is named after – a Launceston athlete who passed away in 2016 from motor neurone disease.

Temby quits council

Genevieve Holding

The Huon Valley Council will receive another shake-up this month following the resignation of councillor Cathy Temby on Wednesday.

Cathy Temby

Ms Temby cited personal reasons for leaving the position she has held for only a year, her resignation effective from January 25.

It follows after the Huon Valley Council's general manager Jason Brown resigned from his position in October, with the council's acting general manager Lachlan Kranz appointed permanently in late December.

In a statement, Ms Temby said she was confident the Huon Valley Council would work "in the best interest of the community, now and for the future".

"In my view, a priority for this council moving forward is to maximise for our community the opportunities presented by the Future of Local Government Review (FoLGR)," Ms Temby said.

"I will be watching with interest as the Huon Valley Council progresses into 2024 and continues to serve our community's best interest now and for the future."

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Cellist takes audience on journey of spirituality

Cellist Francesca Mountfort will feature at the Cygnet Folk Festival. Picture: Chris Kidd

Amber Wilson

Francesca Mountfort loves to tell stories – but she doesn't do it with her words.

Instead, she uses a four-foot-long wooden instrument with heavy strings to convey abstract ideas of mythology, folklore and spirituality.

Hailing from New Zealand but calling Hobart home since the pandemic, Ms Mountfort will soon unleash her experimental brand of cello playing and ambient composition on the Cygnet Folk Festival – in what is becoming an annual pilgrimage.

While her music is otherworldly and immersive – with elements of electroacoustic, looping and effects – Ms Mountfort said she herself was not quite sure where her ideas originated.

"I just start playing and I feel like the cello does it for me, really," she said.

"Once I've got some ideas, I start recording and experimenting with textures, but it's kind of like the music does it itself."

Ms Mountfort said her experimental approach to cello first began while she was studying at university and developed overuse syndrome – an injury caused by repetitive movements – so began studying electroacoustic composition.

"It was very male-dominated. It was just me and a bunch of guys and they were all into really loud, gnarly kinds of sounds. I guess as a bit of a response to that, I wanted to make something more fragile and feminine," she said.

"But I wouldn't really describe my music as that. It's more emotive, emotional, expensive, dramatic."

Ms Mountfort said she also played with themes of spirituality, but not in a religious sense.

"In my last album, I experimented a bit with ancient mythological ideas about ravens – the raven being the mediator between the living and the dead and able to travel between realms," she said.

"That's woven itself into some of my music. For my last album, I like to think of it as storytelling through the cello."

Ms Mountfort said she hoped her music would ignite imaginations at next weekend's folk festival.

"With my music, people tend to have quite an emotional response. My solo performance is quite immersive and people tend to get – I hope – taken away with the music into another place."

Francesca Mountfort will play solo on January 12 and 13, and with a group of players in an event called Well, Hello Cello! on January 14.
For more details, visit www.cygnetfolkfestival.org

Mighty big seal with a not-so-varied diet

As one of the top predators roaming Antarctica, the sizeable southern elephant seal has its fair selection of the menu.

But it turns out they don't just want to eat anything and everything.

According to new research led by the University of NSW, male southern elephant seals have their own favourite foods, and they like to stick with them.

In other words, they're very fussy eaters.

"They could have the pick of the buffet and yet each male southern elephant seal eats a lot of the same food, which is just a fraction of what's on offer," lead author Andrea Cormack said. "So, they are extremely picky eaters, each with their own unique favourite foods they go after, whether it be fish, squid species, crustaceans or octopus."

A southern elephant enjoys a nap after a snack.

Toad find sparks alert

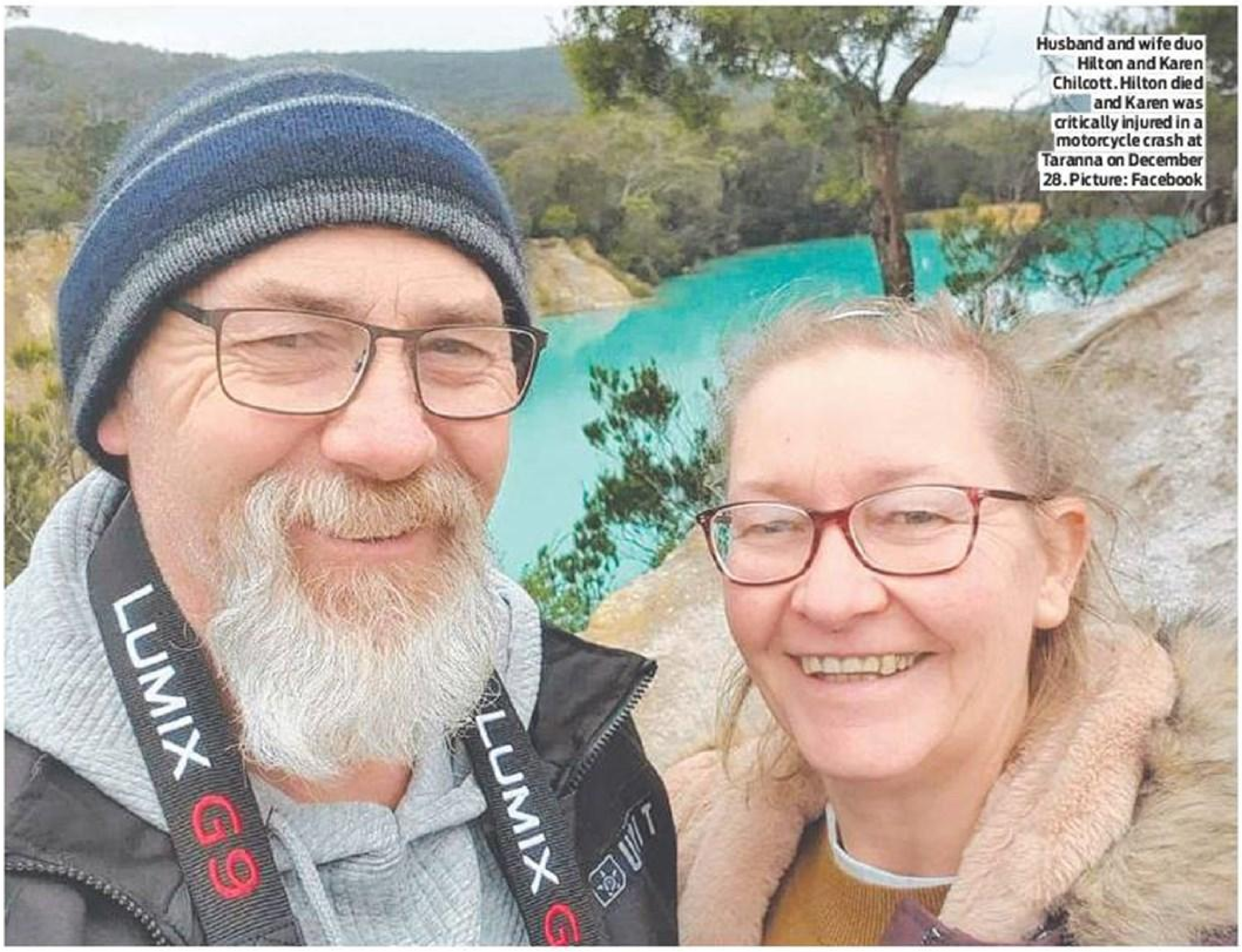
Melburnians are being urged to report suspected exotic pest sightings following the discovery of an Asian black-spined toad on Boxing Day.

Agriculture Victoria biosecurity manager Adam Kay said a resident noticed the toad during an afternoon walk along the Djerring Trail near Huntingdale train station.

"The resident collected the toad in a cup and took it home, then reported the discovery via our hotline as a suspected cane toad," Mr Kay said. "We have since confirmed the species as an Asian black-spined toad."

The toad was in poor condition and has since died and been appropriately disposed of.

It was the 18th Asian black-spined toad discovery reported to Agriculture Victoria since 1999.


Husband and wife duo Hilton and Karen Chilcott. Hilton died and Karen was critically injured in a motorcycle crash at Taranna on December 28. Picture: Facebook

Family grieves after fatal motorbike crash

Alex Treacy

A Tasmanian father-of-three who lost his life when the motorcycle he was riding collided with an SUV on the Tasman Peninsula last week has been remembered as a loving partner of almost four decades and a dedicated, hands-on dad.

Westbury man Hilton Chilcott, 55, was riding his black Victory Kingpin motorcycle with beloved wife Karen Chilcott, 52, who was sitting pillion, when it collided with a Mitsubishi ASX on the Arthur Highway at Taranna at about 8.30am on December 28.

Mrs Chilcott and the female driver of the ASX were both transported to the Royal Hobart Hospital.

Mrs Chilcott was in a critical condition.

The female driver has since been discharged.

The Chilcotts and their second child, Amanda Morris, are well-known in the Westbury community through their ownership of Cafe Karma – formerly known as Cafe Verde.

Daughter-in-law Briony Smith, who is married to the Chilcotts' youngest, Brandon, said her father-in-law, a qualified refrigeration mechanic, was a "short and sweet, to the point kind of guy" who loved nothing more than helping friends and family by tinkering away at odd jobs.

"He loved showing his family that dad knows best, he never wanted to admit it when we had a good idea," Mrs Smith said.

Mr Chilcott, who is from Tasmania, along with his wife and Amanda relocated to the Meander Valley three to four years ago from Bendigo, where the family had lived for decades.

For much of Cafe Karma's history, Mr Chilcott worked as its chef, and also built the cafe's deck alongside Amanda.

While he had hung up his apron, "he'd still come in on weekends and make his presence known," Mrs Smith said.

Mrs Smith said Mr Chilcott had "chased" Karen down when they were still teenagers.

She said the couple's relationship was an inspiration to all believers of soulmates.

"Their love for each other was unimaginable, it was the stuff dreams are made of," Mrs Smith said.

"They were each others' best friends, they did everything together."

Mrs Chilcott, a nurse by profession, has been surrounded by love in her convalescence.

She remained in intensive care, although she had entered the recovery phase.

"We're just staying close, working together as a team, focusing on Karen's recovery," Mrs Smith said.

She said it was too early to say when, or if, Cafe Karma would reopen.

Meander Valley councillor Anne-Marie Loader, in an online fundraiser established to assist with medical costs, said Mrs Chilcott was an "integral part of the cafe, always working, always smiling and always ready to chat".

"This is Westbury's opportunity help out with the immediate costs of her care and to help with the shortfall of Karen's absence from the cafe," Mrs Loader said.

The fundraiser has raised $3850 at the time of writing.

Police are continuing their investigation of the collision and have turned to the community for assistance, asking anyone who saw either vehicle at the relevant time to contact Crash Investigation Services on 131 444.

Dennis remains silent

Olympian Rohan Dennis has been seen visiting his parents in Hazelwood Park after leaving the luxury Adelaide home where he lived with his wife, Melissa Hoskins, about noon Wednesday.

The former pro cyclist, 33, has been charged over the death of his wife on Saturday night with police alleging he was behind the wheel of his Volkswagen ute when Hoskins – also an Olympic cyclist and mother of two – suffered fatal injuries in the incident, later dying in hospital.

He has been charged with causing death by dangerous driving, driving without due care and endangering life over the crash and was bailed to face Adelaide Magistrates Court on March 13.

Dennis was seen with his two young children being greeted by his parents, Brenton and Debbie Dennis, outside their home after arriving in a white Volkswagen.

His brother Scott arrived with his German-born wife Inga and their baby soon after.

Dennis was first seen outside his property in Medindie on Tuesday, later leaving the home in a silver Tarago. He was again seen on Wednesday, leaving and later returning in the white Volkswagen.

As he entered their $2.45m property in the suburb of Medindie, Dennis again did not respond to questions.

"Are the kids going OK," one reporter asked.

Hoskins, 32, was a former professional cyclist who raced for Australia in the Olympics. Her devastated family released a statement on Tuesday.

"Words cannot convey our grief, sadness and the tragic circumstances of Melissa's passing," the statement said.

Energy use correction

In Wednesday's p14 report, 'Energy capacity gridlock,' it was reported that Tasmania's energy consumption grew by 9478.5 gigawatt hours (GWh) per annum between 2016–17 and 2021–22.

This is incorrect. Tasmania's energy consumption grew by 124.3 GWh per annum across this period.

Energy consumption was 10,479 GWh in 2016–17 and 11,225 GWh in 2021–22.

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Qantas: arrive 11.20am, 3.20pm, 9.15; depart: 6.10am, 12.05pm, 4.00.
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Qantas: arrive 4.30pm; depart 5.10pm.
Virgin: arrive 1.30pm, 9.10; depart 2.10pm, 9.50.
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Air New Zealand: arrive 10.50am; depart: 12.20pm.
To – From Canberra
Link: arrive 12.15pm; depart 1.00pm.
To-From Adelaide
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Sailing: Today: Europa (GAC), for Port Arthur. Tomorrow: Investigator (ASP), for Fremantle. Noordam (Inchcape), for Adelaide.
Launceston
Expected: No movements for today. Tomorrow: Contship Yen (Inchcape), from Melbourne. Statesman (Eastern Line), from Lady Barron.
Sailing: No movements for today. Tomorrow: Contship Yen (Inchcape), for Sydney.
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Sailing: Today: Tasmanian Achiever II (Strait Link), for Melbourne. Aidasol (Inchcape), for Adelaide. Tomorrow: Victorian Reliance II (Strait Link), for Melbourne.

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Twisted takes on iconic Mickey

AFP

Barely 24 hours after Disney's initial copyright on Mickey Mouse expired, two new indie horror films starring the character have been announced.

Steamboat Willie, the first Disney movie to feature Mickey, entered the public domain under US law on Monday, 95 years on from its initial release.

That means anyone is now free to copy, share, reuse and adapt the primitive, early versions of the characters that appear within the film, including Mickey and girlfriend Minnie.

Despite warnings from Disney that it would seek to safeguard its most iconic character, opportunistic filmmakers had been expected to quickly announce their own unofficial remakes and adaptations – and they did not disappoint.

Mickey's Mouse Trap will feature a masked killer dressed as Mickey stalking a group of young friends through an amusement arcade, while another untitled horror-comedy sees a sadistic mouse tormenting unsuspecting ferry passengers.

"We just wanted to have fun with it all," said Mickey's Mouse Trap director Jamie Bailey, in a trailer posted on YouTube.

"I mean it's Steamboat Willie's Mickey Mouse murdering people. It's ridiculous. We ran with it and had fun doing it and I think it shows."

The low-budget horror-comedy is expected to launch in March.

Meanwhile filmmaker Steven LaMorte – known for The Mean One, a 2022 slasher romp inspired by The Grinch – is working on his own "twisted take" on Mickey.

"Steamboat Willie has brought joy to generations, but beneath that cheerful exterior lies a potential for pure, unhinged terror," he said.

Analysts say Disney is likely to send in the lawyers if anyone oversteps.

Only the earliest, black-and-white version of Mickey is in the public domain – not the colourful character from later Disney films like Fantasia. And trademark protections mean that any film or product that could mislead consumers into thinking it was made by Disney could be liable.

Meghan and Harry in Dusseldorf last year. Picture: Getty

'Redemption unlikely'

Tiffany Bakker

Meghan Markle and Prince Harry won't get the "year of redemption" they are hoping for in 2024, according to a royal author.

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex are said to be planning a fresh start, after facing backlash last year for their Netflix documentary and Prince Harry's bombshell biography, Spare.

"Harry and Meghan have let it be known that they see 2024 as their year of redemption, to which my reaction is 'good luck with that'," said royal expert and author Phil Dampier.

"It's a trite phrase dreamt up by their Hollywood PR people and in reality means very little. Actions speak louder than words and the Sussexes need to do things which will convince the public that they want to redeem themselves, not just talk about it."

The Sussexes' absence was strikingly apparent on Christmas Day when the rest of the royal family, including King Charles, Prince William and Kate Middleton, went to church at Sandringham.

Mr Dampier said the inclusion of Prince Andrew's former wife, Sarah Ferguson, on the Christmas guest list for the first time in years, sent a strong message.

"The royals put on a show of unity at Christmas, with even Prince Andrew's ex-wife Fergie being allowed to walk to church and join them for lunch," he said.

"The message was clear – everyone was welcome except Harry and Meghan."

Mr Dampier said Harry and Meghan could not "compete" with the Prince and Princess of Wales.

"I think the penny has finally dropped with them that they can never compete with an ancient institution admired around the world, particularly the goodwill still lingering from the late Queen's reign," he said.

"William and Kate have never been more popular and the Sussexes can't hold a candle to them."

Hamas deputy killed by drone

Fears conflict will widen

Andrew Koubaridis and Tiffany Bakker

Hamas's deputy leader was killed in an Israeli drone strike in suburban Beirut as Israel's war against Palestinian militants reached Lebanon.

Saleh al-Aruri was killed along with his bodyguards in the strike by Israel, which vowed to destroy Hamas after the movement's unprecedented October 7 attacks on Israel.

Aruri, one of the founders of Hamas' military wing, had headed the group's presence in the West Bank and had been a target for Israel even before the October 7 attack that killed 1,200 Israelis.

Israel has previously announced the killing in Gaza of Hamas commanders and officials during the war, but Aruri is the most high-profile figure to be killed, and his death came in the first strike on the Lebanese capital since the war began. Israeli army spokesman Daniel Hagari did not directly comment on Aruri's killing but said the military was "highly prepared for any scenario" in its aftermath.

A security official in Lebanon confirmed the information about Aruri's killing.

Lebanese state media reported the strike hit a Hamas office in Beirut's southern suburbs, a stronghold of Lebanon's Iran-backed Hezbollah movement, a Hamas ally.

Hamas TV also said Israel had killed Aruri in Lebanon, and Lebanese media reported a total of seven people were killed in the attack by an Israeli drone. The strike fuels widespread fears that the nearly three-month-old Israel-Hamas war could become a wider regional conflict.

Hamas said the killing would not lead to its defeat, while Hezbollah vowed Aruri's death would not go "unpunished".

Hezbollah called it "a serious assault on Lebanon ... and a dangerous development in the course of the war".

Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati condemned the killing and said it "aims to draw Lebanon" further into the Israel-Hamas war.

In a call with Israeli war cabinet member Benny Gantz after the strike, French President Emmanuel Macron urged Israel to "avoid any escalatory attitude, particularly in Lebanon".

Since the fighting began on October 8, the fighting has been concentrated a few kilometres from the border but on several occasions Israel's air force hit Hezbollah targets deeper in Lebanon.

Earlier in the day, Hezbollah said its fighters carried out several attacks along the Lebanon-Israel border targeting Israeli military posts. It comes as Israeli troops announced they had also killed a Hamas commander who helped lead the October 7 attack.

Adil Mismah, the Nukhba Company Commander of the city of Deir al-Balah, was "eliminated," Israeli Defense Forces said via social media.

Mismah had led terrorists into the Kibbutz Kissufim and ordered other gunmen to ravage the communities of Nirim and Be'eri, according to The Jerusalem Post.

The commander was slain in an air strike directed by Israeli ground troops, officials said.

Drugs fear unfounded

A chemical used in the diabetes drug Ozempic and the weight-management drug Wegovy is not associated with an increased risk for suicidal thoughts, US researchers say.

The Case Western Reserve School of Medicine findings about the chemical – known as semaglutide – is significant because this summer the European Medicines Agency (EMA) launched an investigation of its potential dangers.

Semaglutide is a chemical of the glucagon-like peptide receptor (GLP1R) that helps regulate blood sugar in type 2 diabetes and reduces appetite.

After examining about two million patients, the research team found no evidence to support the EMA's concern that semaglutide may cause suicidal ideations.

Nostradamus' 2024 prophecy comes true

Ben Cost - New York Post

It was a literally groundbreaking prophecy.

As if Nostradamus' foretellings weren't eerily accurate enough, the iconic astrologer was apparently right on the money with yet another apocalyptic prophecy just hours into 2024.

Also known as the Prophet Of Doom, the 16th-century French philosopher is best known for his foreboding forecasts, which he chronicled in his 1555 text "Les Propheties".

These 943 verses are somewhat too vague to be sure, but Nostradamus has been credited with predicting everything from the Rise Of Adolf Hitler to Covid-19 like a 450-year-old Century "Simpsons" cartoon.

This time, the Frenchman was credited with forecasting the powerful earthquake that rocked Japan on New Year's Day. Outlining his predictions for 2024, the oracle wrote, "The dry Earth will become more parched and there will be great floods."

The psychic's followers reckoned that he could've been referring to the 7.5 magnitude tremor that struck the nation's Western coast, killing 48 people, toppling buildings and sparking 1m-high tsunamis.

According to reports, residents in coastal communities fled to higher ground as the waves battered the coast, sweeping houses and cars into the sea.

Nostradamus' prediction was apparently not the only harbinger of a seismic calamity.

Over the summer, divers in Taiwan encountered an injured giant oarfish, the "Doomsday fish" which is said to be a sign of impending earthquakes.

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Mountain of work ahead

The mountain that towers over the state's capital, rising up from the River Derwent, makes Hobart one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Visitors are drawn to it making kunanyi/Mt Wellington the most visited natural site in the state.

It's easy to see why. The views from the top are spectacular, the environment is wild and largely unspoilt and you don't have to travel far to access its many charms.

For locals it offers plenty with a network of tracks suited to hikers, trail runners and mountain bike enthusiasts.

But the mountain is not always easy to access. The road is narrow and not really designed for as much traffic as it carries each year. If the weather gets bad, safety concerns force the council to close gates to the general public.

Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds says it's time to "catch up" on badly needed infrastructure upgrades, now that the cable car plan has been rejected.

She is calling on the Wellington Park Management Trust to turn its focus on increasing transport options, revamping a lookout and facilities at the summit and upgrading toilets and adding power at the Springs.

Ms Reynolds is correct. For such a popular destination, the mountain is poorly serviced.

Some would argue that the cable car plan would have provided the upgrades and infrastructure solutions needed and council has only itself to blame after rejecting the project. That's a valid point but the reality is the battle has been lost and it's time to move on.

There needs to be a way to safely access the mountain in snowy conditions when people want to visit. Providing a place to eat and relax should also be a priority – even if it is at the Springs.

Development can and should be done sensibly and sensitively to preserve the natural beauty of our mountain and to provide services for the hundreds of thousands who visit and enjoy its attractions.

Cities the world over have found solutions and struck the right balance between infrastructure and conservation. There is no reason we can't do the same.

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Letters

Secrets of universe are out of this world

On Tuesday evening I watched an amazing program. A Symphonic Odyssey with Professor Brian Cox on ABC. I think it should be viewed by as many people as possible, particularly those in positions of power and influence in all countries. Through incredible imagery and great music, it showed us how important it is to value this amazing, unique planet we live on and why it is essential to protect its future in any way we can. Watching something like this helps put all our actions in perspective and reminds us how biologically and chemically interconnected we all are. It makes all the divisions between peoples seem irrelevant.

Penny Andersen
South Hobart

Cheap option a bad call

Good news, just a follow up from my letter of December 28.

I called Aurora again, this time was answered by Robert, he was great and after looking at my file, could immediately see the problem. After five minutes on hold he had fixed it all, well done. How stupid are these chief executive officers thinking that cheap call centres are the way to go, how about service ?

Thank you again Robert.

Paul Arnol
Bicheno

Financial realities

A great letter Ray Harvey (Mercury, January 2), outlining my thoughts and experiences on the way our financial system seems to be heading. Another example of not only discrimination against oldies who save their money, but a good lesson for the big boys and girls in our community now who struggle to run their finances – always in debt, no idea where their money goes with such easy card use, borrow for everything, and want government handouts to help them. This is all, of course, a recipe for inflation and more charges and taxes. Handling some of your "legal tender" cash is a good way to learn how to live economically. Just consider those who choose to manage their affairs without having to rely on a pack of cards and a computer to keep track of their money dealings.

Peter Patman
New Town

A Symphonic Odyssey with Brian Cox, can be viewed on free-to-air TV. Picture: Nicky J Sims/Getty Images

Walk-in clinics

Recently the federal government announced the establishment of two Acute Care Centres in the Hobart CBD. These centres will supposedly minimise the number of people visiting the emergency department at the Royal. To my mind, these centres should have been positioned in the outer suburbs, where the need is the greatest.

Better still, why not copy the wonderful example of ACT health, who have set up five walk-in medical centres staffed by specialist nurses. Open from 7.30am till 10pm, you present your Medicare card and wait to be seen. There's no cost involved.

During my stay in Canberra I have had fresh dressings placed on my hand five times. No need to worry finding a GP, no need to wait for hours at the ED. Such a sensible and innovative approach to health care.

Harry Quick
Berriedale

Can't please everyone

In response to Chris Lang (Mercury, January 1) while I am in no way, shape or form endorsing the decision to locate the high performance centre at Rosny, it is incorrect of Chris to claim

Smoke billows over Khan Yunis from Rafah in the southern Gaza strip during Israeli bombardment on January 2, 2024. Picture: AFP

Hot Topic

Who are the bad guys?

Some seem to have forgotten that the current Middle East war is being waged between a constitutional state of free, internationally monitored elections and a demonstrably cruel, despotic, terrorist clique of humankind's worst players.

Hamas has committed horrendous war crimes by intentionally murdering innocent civilians (including babies) and refusing to release innocent hostages brutally and illegally taken from their homes in Israel. Hamas' leadership ensconced in luxury abroad has repeatedly refused negotiations over a cease fire that would have led to internationally conducted free elections for the people of Gaza who deserve much more than what Hamas has to offer them.

Thinking humans recognise just who the bad guys are.

Jack Sonnemann
Lucaston

US losing friends

It is beginning to look as if Israel and its protector the US are going to lose more than the war in Gaza. They are also losing friends as the violent revenge being exacted on ordinary Palestinians continues apace. The US is losing the Global South, countries once unquestioningly accepting of all that was imposed on them. They are now carefully watching as Biden's double standards re Ukraine and Gaza come into sharp focus. This gives Putin more room to push his agenda. Xi too will be watching on with a contained smile. US credibility and prestige are rolling out the door, while citizens in the west take to the streets to protest as they had not done since the Iraq debacle. The post-1945 order is being questioned like never before, and now even by the west's own citizens. On top of all this, a possible Trump mark II presidency looms on the horizon. We live in interesting times. Only an immediate

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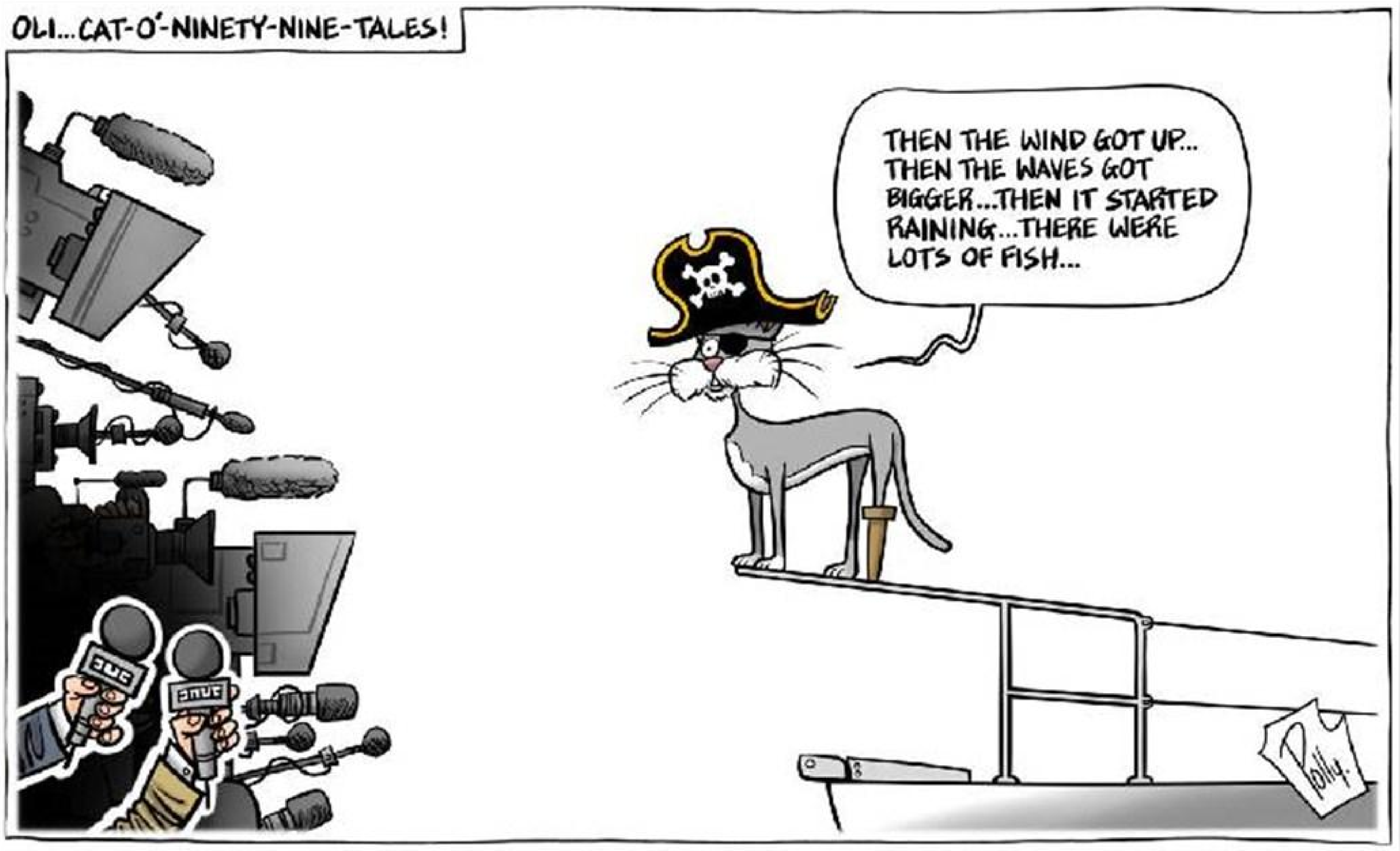
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THEN THE WIND GOT UP... THEN THE WAVES GOT BIGGER...THEN IT STARTED RAINING...THERE WERE LOTS OF FISH...
Polly.

the council didn't listen to its voters. I've paid attention to this issue and note the council put out an online survey giving the people of Clarence the opportunity to have a say, and at the last council meeting a number of councillors moved motions to address potential concerns raised by the community. Not everyone can be satisfied.

Anthony James
Lindisfarne

Understand the facts

Anne Layton-Bennett refers to uncertainty in respect of certain aspects of the proposed stadium (Mercury, January 2). There is one thing that is absolutely certain – it will lose money, even if the government's optimistic cost and revenue forecasts are achieved. That's clearly stated on page 26 of the government's own independent expert report (MI Global Cost Benefit Analysis Report, found on the State Growth website). That report also states that almost no stadia make money.

So, let's all start the year with a common understanding of the facts. That way we can stop the irrelevant debate about economic benefits and focus on whether we want to spend the money on health, education, housing, etc, or the indulgence of seven games of football, which is the only reason the stadium is being proposed.

Andrew Hejtmanek
Howden

Waterfront growth

Bob Clifford is absolutely right when he writes the "Derwent River could become a mini Sydney Harbour in 10 years" but equally what must happen is that Macquarie Point should be allowed to be the River Derwent's development bonanza just as what became Sydney Harbour's Bangaru, Melbourne's South Bank and London's Canary Wharf.

Such successfully proven mix of premium commercial and residential developments, all designed to encourage public participation with their waterfront aspects, hence making the most of their previously abandoned working waterfronts, have everything in common with Hobart's Macquarie Point's potential. There is one significant difference that being Hobart's future needs with the retention of much for a generous 'working port'. Salford Keys, on the Manchester Ship Canal is a complete low-rise example illustrating the link to offices across sunny plazas and parks to residential enclaves.

The Macquarie Point 2 proponents have seen the residential advantages of this site – it was reported that they have interest by one party for 30 of their proposed apartments.

Have both the state government and the Hobart City Council seriously examined that Macquarie Point is the only remaining place that our city can grow to service city-based employment opportunities for the future?

Chris Merridew
Sandy Bay

No stadium joy

We can't have a high performance health service, but yay, we can have a high performance AFL centre at Rosny instead. Come on ambos, donate the tinsel you were forbidden to use on your vehicles to decorate the proposed facility. It could be the only joy the majority of Tasmanians will get out of the stadium deal.

Sadie Roberts
Mowbray

TEXT OF THE DAY

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Matthew 5:7

ON THIS *day*

1688 English privateer William Dampier (above) anchors near Cape Leveque off northwestern Australia. He returns 11 years later to be one of the first to map the Australian coast.

1809 French educator Louis Braille, who developed a system of printing and writing that is extensively used by the blind and that was named for him, is born near Paris.

1815 The Francis and Eliza, en route to Australia with 123 convicts, is captured by US privateer Warrior and pillaged. Later released, it reaches Sydney on August 8.

1923 Vladimir Ulyanov, aka Lenin, on his deathbed, writes a note that Josef Stalin cannot be trusted to exercise his power wisely, and should be removed as Soviet Communist Party general secretary.

1943 Prime minister John Curtin asks the ALP federal conference to drop the party's ban on conscription for overseas service. Next day the party does so, by 24-12.

1958 Soviet Sputnik 1, the first satellite launched by man, breaks up in the upper atmosphere after completing about 1440 circuits of Earth and travelling about 70 million kilometres on its 92-day mission.

1960 French novelist and playwright Albert Camus, who received the 1957 Nobel prize for Literature, is killed in an car accident.

1965 American-English author T.S. Eliot, a leader of the Modernist movement in poetry in such works as The Waste Land (1922), dies in London.

1988 National Australia Bank staff in Chinatown, Sydney, find robbers, never found, had blasted their way into vaults over three days to take $20 million in gold and other valuables.

2004 Former Sydney boxing champion Jeff Fenech is stabbed near a restaurant at Brighton-LeSands; two brothers get six-month jail terms.

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ceasefire in Palestine gives the US a chance to retain some credibility and trust in the world. It may already be too late. Let us hope not.

Tony Cartwright
Sandy Bay

Support for Hamas

"Do you support Hamas?" It's a question you'll rarely hear asked (or answered) by the media in Gaza. It's for that reason I believe the majority of Palestinians living there support Hamas, an organisation that has vowed – on more than one occasion – to seek the extermination of Israel's Jews. Even so, Jo Errey (Mercury, December 28) was right to point out that the current war in Gaza "is not solely about Hamas and Israeli hostages." And yes, I did know that Palestinians have been living under a harsh, unjust, and Jewish-imposed, oppressive military regime. Does that mean the attack by Hamas on October 7, as a response to previous wrongs, was justified? My sympathies, on balance, are first with the children of Gaza and then with the Jews of Israel, most of whom are still living in the shadow of The Holocaust. I also believe the great majority of Palestine's adults living in Gaza support Hamas. So, until a way is found to keep innocent children safe from the toxic, though understandable, hatred of their parents, Jo's letter, titled, "We've been here before" is sadly prophetic; implying as it does that we'll be here again too: ad infinitum.

Michael McCall
Primrose Sands

Anti-Semitism

While we're quibbling over semantics over whether Israel's Gaza action is mass murder or genocide (Mercury, December 29) attention needs to be given to how the Israel lobby has redefined the meaning of anti-Semitism.

The dictionary meaning of an anti-Semite is someone who is hostile or prejudiced against Jewish people but in recent times according to the Israel lobby it is to include anyone who dares criticise the Israeli government. Under this new meaning many of us are falsely accused of being anti-Semites and even includes Jews opposed to Israel's apartheid policy and the illegal occupation.

The fear of being smeared an anti-Semite helps shield Israel from legitimate criticism as an illegal occupier and coloniser of Palestinian land and from any kind of accountability for its horrific war crimes in Gaza and the West Bank.

Jo Errey
South Hobart

Opinion OURS & YOURS

Current funding is an emergency for Tasmania

We need to work together to find a fair and sustainable means to fund our vital services, writes David Bowman

If there is a fire in your home, you call 000. This simple step is so ingrained we don't doubt help will come. And we don't stop to think who is paying for the fire service. Wake up! What Tasmanians must understand is the financial viability of the Tasmania Fire Service, and more broadly State Emergency Services, is under a dark cloud.

Current arrangements are financially unsustainable, out-of-date, administratively obscure, and unfairly paid for by different Tasmanian communities. This affects the capacity of Tasmania to respond to the increasing threat and costs of bushfires.

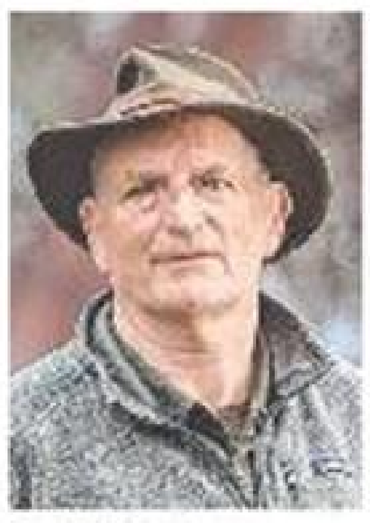
Extremely important decisions need to be made to urgently remedy this serious and dangerous situation. A round table of stakeholders is helping the Minister for Emergency Services Felix Ellis grapple with the question of reforming funding for the fire and emergency services.

Below I outline some likely ways how this messy situation can be tidied up. It is important to note that every financial reform designed to achieve the simple objective of raising the same revenue as is received today will necessitate compensatory new levels or streams of government revenue collection. There is no such thing as a free fire service.

And in any case, funding for fire and emergency services will have to increase to keep up with the spirally costs of responding to disasters that are being amplified by climate change, urban growth, and technological changes such as electric vehicles and domestic and industrial batteries.

> “The currently complex system for collecting fire levies must be reformed to make paying for a fire and emergency services fairer and easier to understand

Government pays for general services: There is a strong argument that the government should provide a basic level of fire and emergency services to all Tasmanians. This includes fighting bushfires, maritime fires, as well as fuel and fire management in national parks and on other government land. Conceptually this is like the provision of schools and hospitals as a basic right to the entire community.


David Bowman

Under this scenario the government would need to find additional funds to replace those collected from the current motor vehicle, insurance and property levies that could be scrapped or substantially reduced. This is an obviously politically unpalatable option, even if it was to pay for a small fraction of the costs of current fire and emergency service provision.

Users pay for quality of services: Currently homeowners across Tasmania pay very different fire levies for two reasons. First, homeowners pay different levies depending on the location of their properties, very roughly reflecting differing service provision (professional trained fire fighters versus volunteers for example). Second, businesses (including primary producers) pay an insurance levy depending as percentage of their insurance premium. Collection of these levies falls upon local government and insurers respectively.

TASMANIA FIRE SERVIC
INSTALL A SMOKE ALARM IN EVE BED
Tasmania Fire Service firefighters attending a house fire at Bridgewater. The complex system of funding this vital service is under review. Picture: Alex Treacy

A simpler and fairer system would be to calculate the provision of service for every property in Tasmania and charge a graduated fee relative to the quality of the service, that could be added as an additional form of property tax applied to all land titles. This is technically possible, considering that you can easily determine the time it takes to drive from your home to the nearest fire station. Not only distance to the nearest fire station but the quality of the service needs to be factored in, noting that currently there are three tiers of service: professionally trained ‘career’ crews in major centres; volunteer crews with advanced equipment in regional centres; and volunteers in rural areas with more basic kit. The level of service and the time it takes to arrive is a critical factor in the risk to homes and infrastructure.

Another factor that needs to be included in such land title approach is the value of properties. The current insurance levy is scaled to property

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Future of salmon industry bright as key cutting-edge

Salmon Tasmania CEO Luke Martin

Aquaculture growth and evolution driven by science and development, writes Luke Martin

In refreshing contrast to the antagonistic bluster about our industry, from politically motivated activist groups that we often see grace these pages, Rex Beamish's recent opinion piece (December 29, 2023) offers a considered and mature contribution to public debate about the future of salmon aquaculture in Tasmania.

Importantly, Mr Beamish recognises the future for salmon farming is strong, with technology as the key driver, for an even more sustainable industry. It is an industry that must continue to evolve and grow as part of a global transition towards sustainably sourced and low carbon sea-based protein production.

Aquaculture is an industry that is driven by science, more so than most farming sectors, and it is important to recognise how far the marine-based component of the industry has also advanced in the past 30 years.

Over the past three decades, the Tasmanian salmon industry has undergone a remarkable transformation, evolving from a fledgling start-up sector into a global leader in sustainable aquaculture. The journey of the industry's growth and development is marked by innovations in technology, stringent environmental stewardship, and a commitment to meeting rising global demands for high-quality seafood.

One of our most significant advancements has been the invention and adoption of cutting-edge aquaculture technologies. The industry has embraced state-of-the-art farming practices, including pen design and monitoring systems. These technological innovations have not only increased production efficiency but also minimised the environmental impact of salmon farming.

One shining example is how the integration of advanced feeding systems and camera technologies has revolutionised the industry, enhancing efficiency, sustainability, and overall productivity.

Advanced feeding systems utilise precision in delivering optimal amounts of feed and ensuring that salmon receive the nutrients they need for growth. This not only improves cost-effectiveness but also minimises any environmental impact associated with excess feed that thankfully, due to significant investment, is an issue of the past.

Underwater, in-net cameras also play a pivotal role in monitoring fish health and behaviour. High-tech underwater cameras enable constant surveillance, allowing farmers to quickly identify any signs of stress, environmental change, or abnormal behaviour. This proactive approach enhances early detection and

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NATURAL LOOK EDGES

AMAZING DEAL

$1499

'Java' 7-Piece Rectangular Dining Suite.
Suite consists of a dining table with Oak veneer tabletop and metal legs (W165 x D90 x H77cm) and six 'Jade' PU dining chairs. Dining chairs available in Black (as pictured) or Grey PU.
Also available to order: 9-Piece 220cm Rectangular Dining Suite **$1999** | 165cm 3-Door Buffet **$1499**

Available in store & online.

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GREAT PRICE

$1999

Available in store only.

'Alzir' 3-Seater Fabric Sofa with Chaise.
Featured in Light Grey fabric. Also available in Sapphire fabric.
Also available to order: 3-Seater Fabric Sofa **$1499**
2-Seater Fabric Sofa **$1299** | 1.5-Seater Fabric Armchair **$899**
Fabric Ottoman **$549**

AUSTRALIAN MADE VALUE

AUSTRALIAN MADE

2-PIECE SUITE

$2499

Available in store only.

'Brompton' 3-Seater Fabric Sofa with Chaise + 2-Seater Fabric Sofa.
Featured in 'Kev' Cameo fabric. Available in a selection of fabric options.
Also available to order:
3-Seater Fabric Sofa with Chaise **$1699** | 2-Seater Fabric Sofa **$999**

AVAILABLE FOR QUICK DELIVERY*3

VERSATILE DESIGN

$2999

Available in store only.

'Corro' 5-Piece Fabric Modular Sofa.
Featured in 'Toulon' Ebony fabric. Also available in 'Toulon' Lava fabric. Includes two corner sections, two armless pieces and an ottoman.

COMFORT & STYLE

$3999

Available in store only.

'Monte' 5-Seater Fabric Modular Sofa.
Featured in 'Boston' Terracotta fabric.
Available in a selection of fabric options.

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AVAILABLE FOR QUICK DELIVERY*3

SWIVEL CHAIRS

HOT BUY

$899

Available in store & online.

'Moon' 5-Piece Round Dining Suite.
Suite consists of a dining table with glass tabletop and metal base (W120 x D120 x H75cm) and four fabric swivel dining chairs.
Also available to order:
3-Piece 80cm Bar Setting **$779**
7-Piece 160cm Rectangular Dining Suite **$1399**

TABLE CLOSED

SUPER DEAL

$1299

Available in store & online.

'Cody' 7-Piece Rectangular Extension Dining Suite.
Suite consists of a timber extension dining table (W150-190 x D90 x H75cm) and six padded timber dining chairs. Dining table and chairs available in Natural stain (as pictured) or Black.
Also available to order: 5-Piece 106cm Round Dropside Dining Suite **$879** | 5-Piece 140cm Rectangular Dining Suite **$879**
140cm 2-Door/3-Drawer Buffet **$879**

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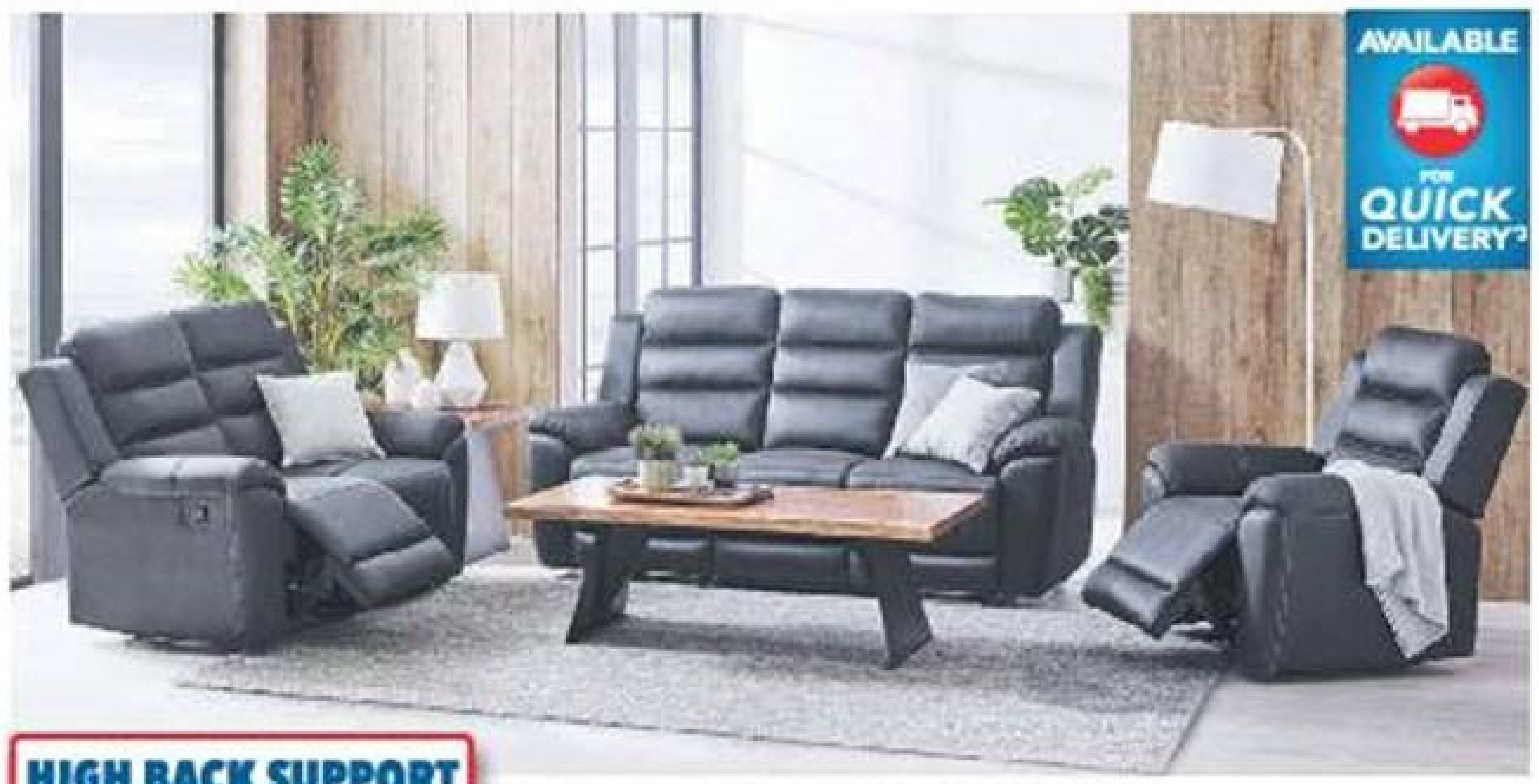
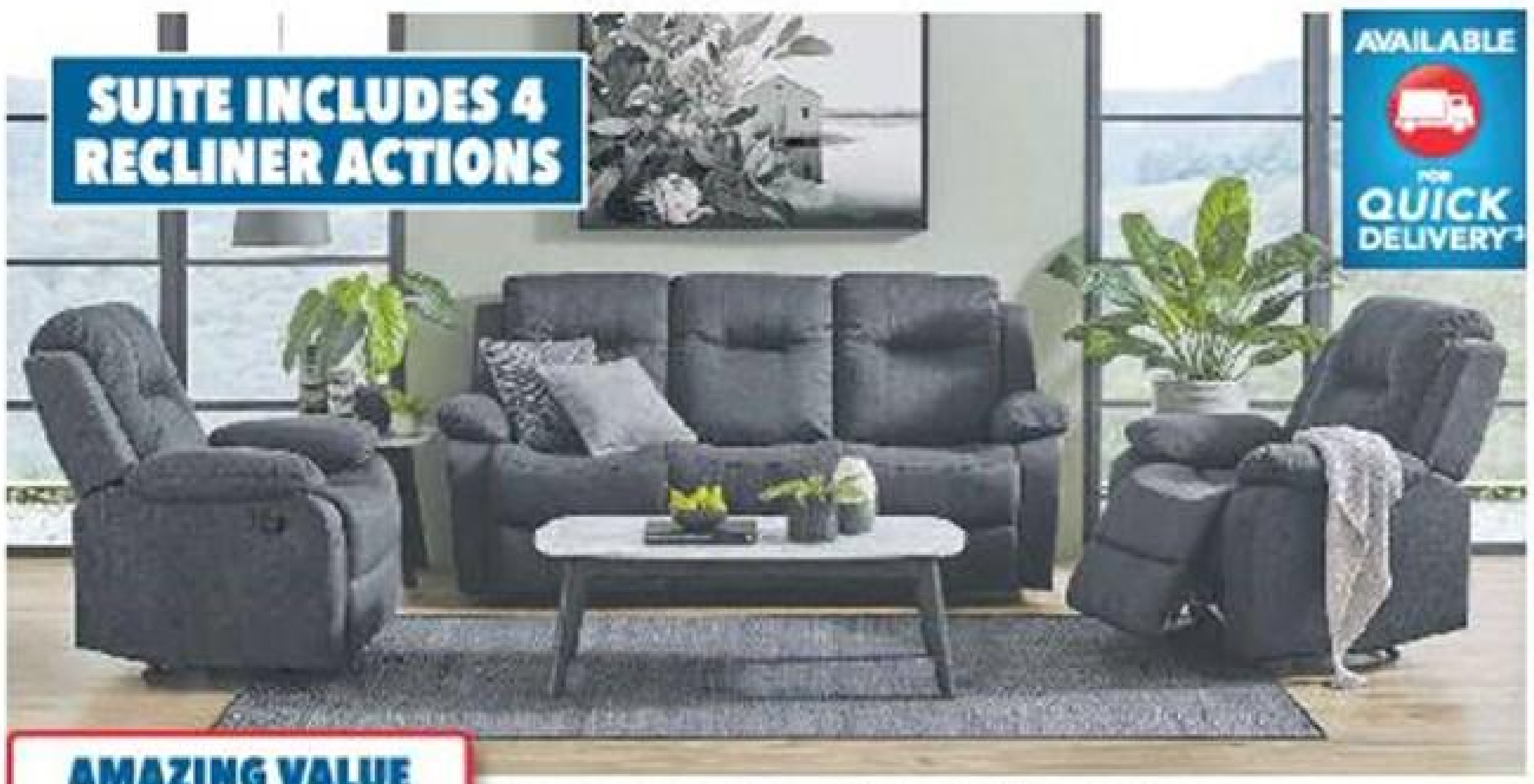


HIGH BACK SUPPORT

$1499

Available in store & online.

'Loafer' 3-Seater Fabric Recliner Sofa.
Featured in 'Brahma' Jet fabric.
Also available in 'Brahma' Graphite fabric.
Also available to order:
2-Seater Fabric Recliner Sofa **$1199**
Fabric Recliner Armchair **$749**



AMAZING VALUE

$1799

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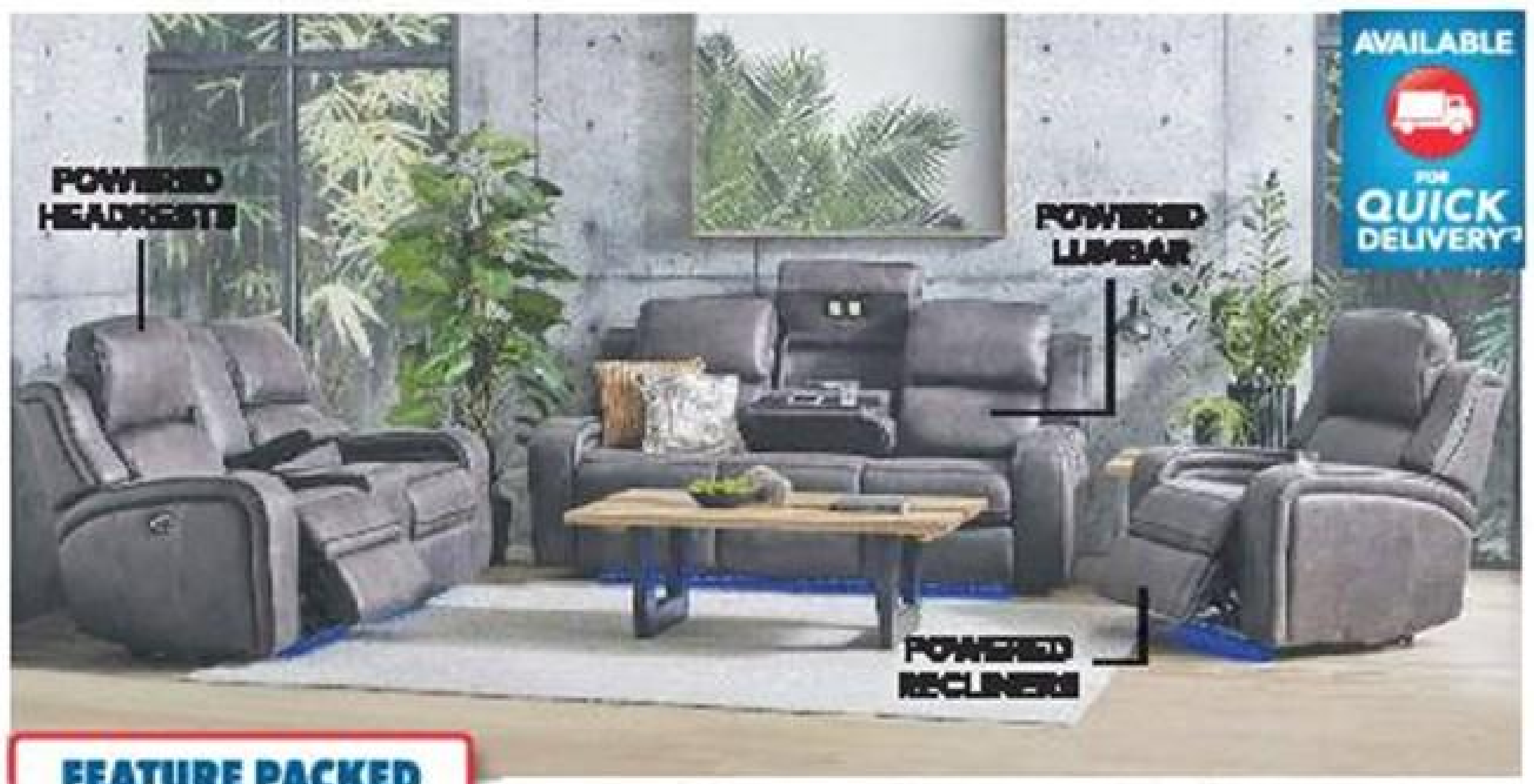
'Jupiter' 3-Seater Fabric Recliner Sofa + 2 Fabric Recliner Armchairs.
Featured in 'Apollo' Dark Grey fabric.
Includes 4 recliner actions.



FEATURE PACKED

$2599

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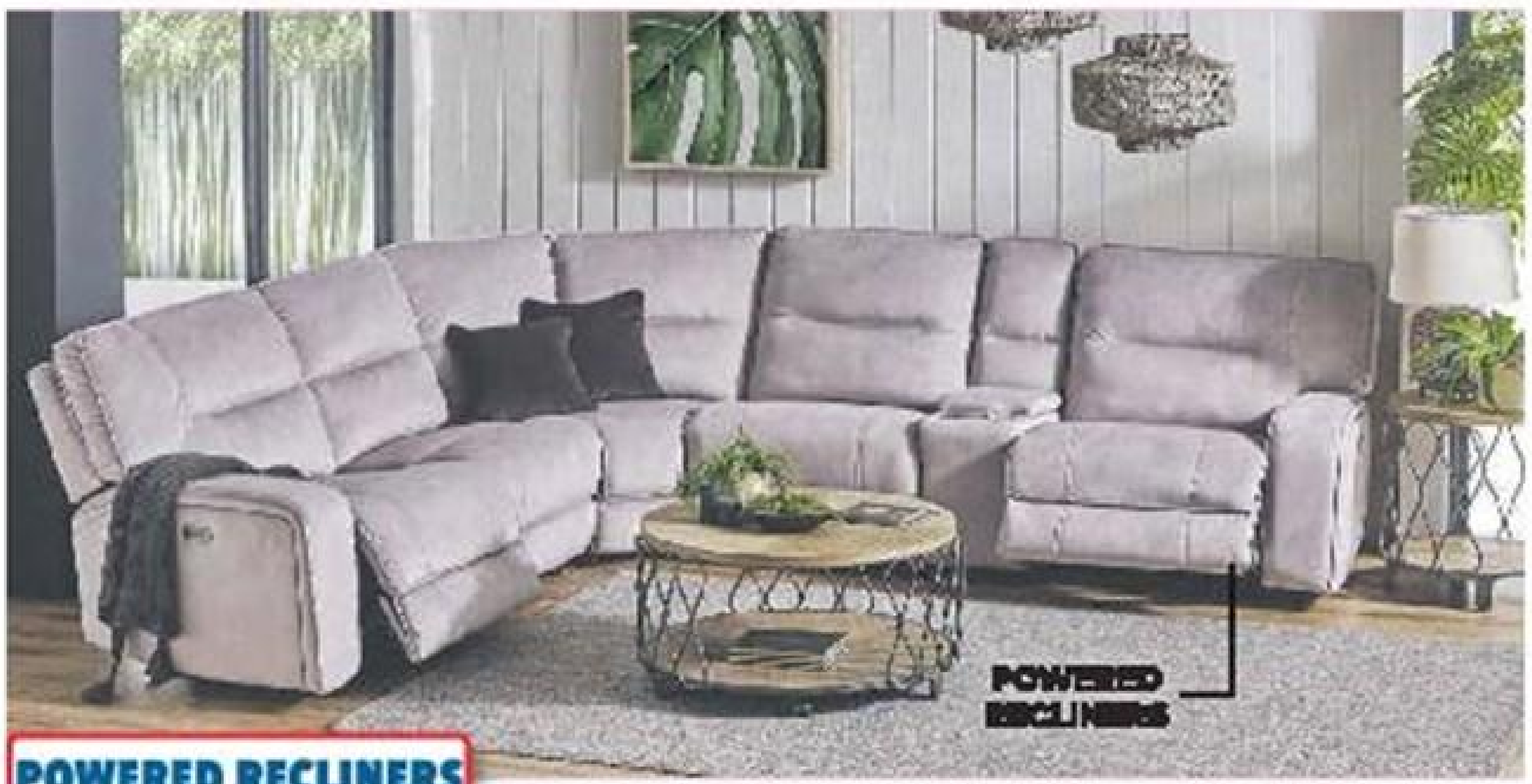
'Bradford' 3-Seater Fabric Powered Recliner Sofa.
Featured in 'Hunter' Match Grey fabric.
Also available in 'Hunter' Charcoal fabric.
Also available to order:
2-Seater Fabric Powered Recliner Sofa **$2399**
Fabric Powered Recliner Armchair **$1399**



POWERED RECLINERS

$2999

Available in store only.

'Gamma' Fabric Powered Modular Recliner Sofa.
Featured in Mushroom fabric. Also available in Silver or Charcoal fabric options. Includes 3 powered recliners and a storage console with cup holders.

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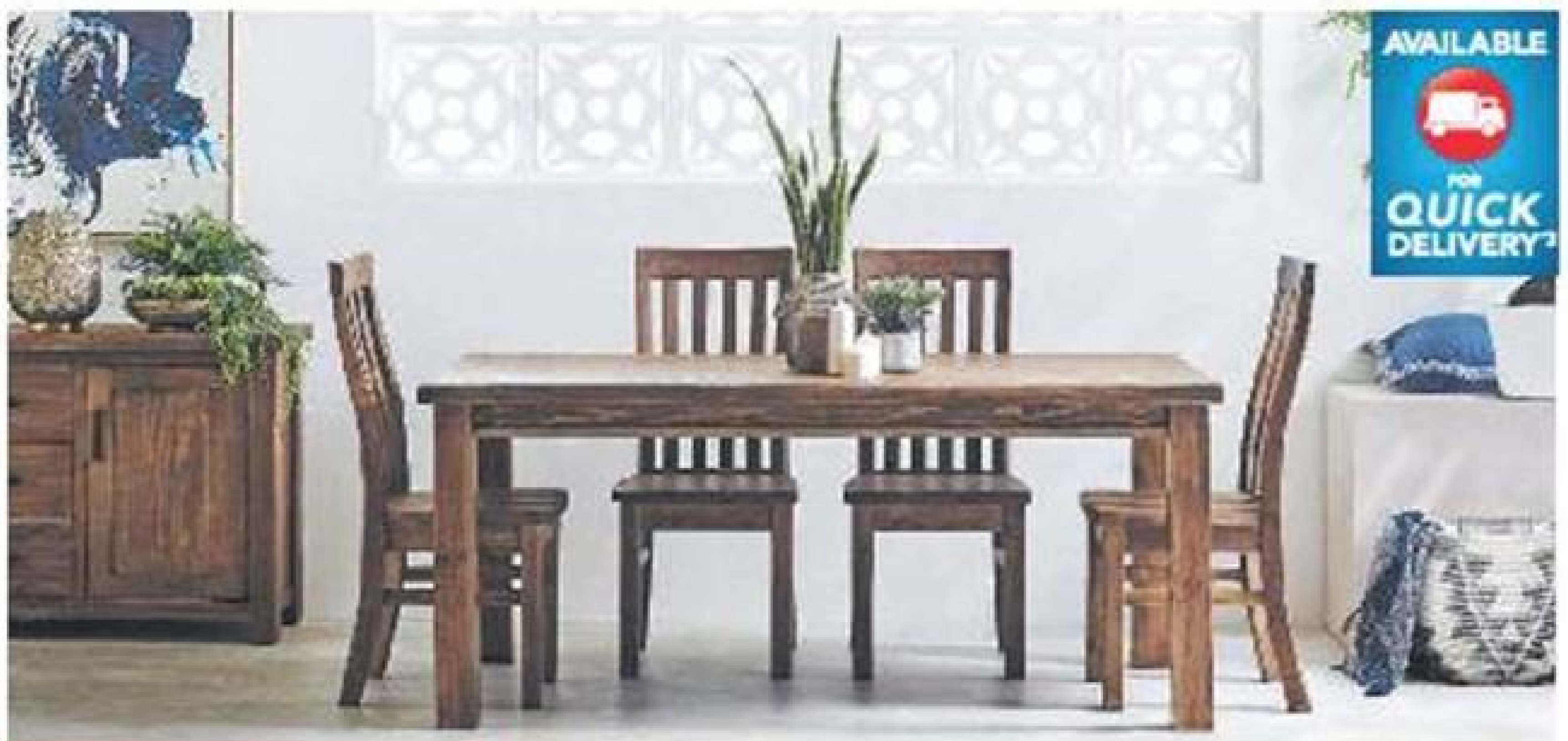

HOT PRICE

$1499

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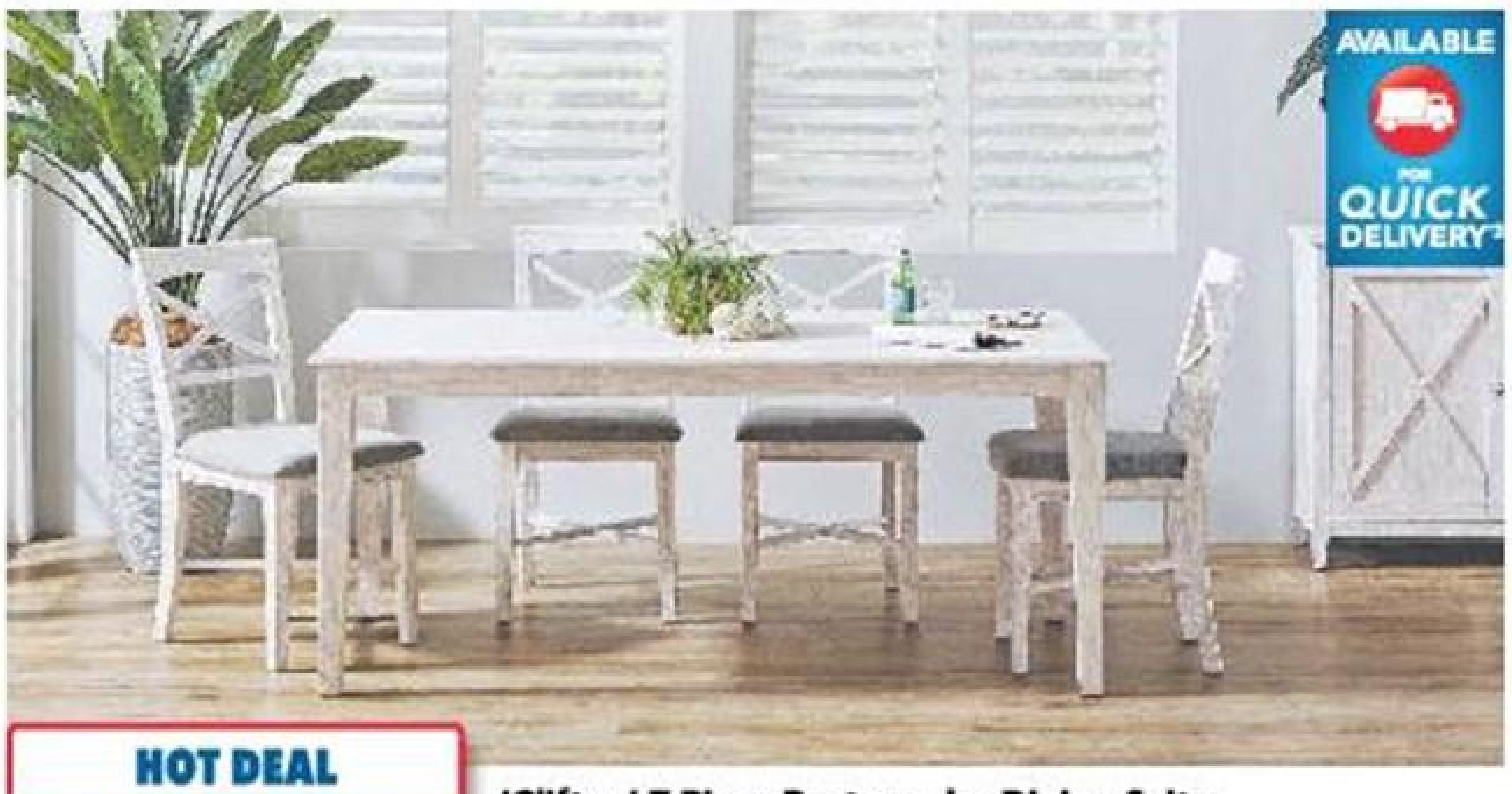
'Cobar' 7-Piece Rectangular Dining Suite.
Suite consists of a timber dining table (W180 x D100 x H77cm) and six timber dining chairs.
Also available to order:
9-Piece 210cm Rectangular Dining Suite **$2199**
155cm 2-Door/3-Drawer Buffet **$959**



HOT DEAL

$1899

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'Clifton' 7-Piece Rectangular Dining Suite.
Suite consists of an Acacia timber dining table (W165 x D90 x H77cm) with a brushed White finish and six padded timber dining chairs in Grey fabric.
Also available to order:
165cm Rectangular Dining Table **$699** | Dining Chair **$279ea**
160cm 3-Door Buffet **$1099**

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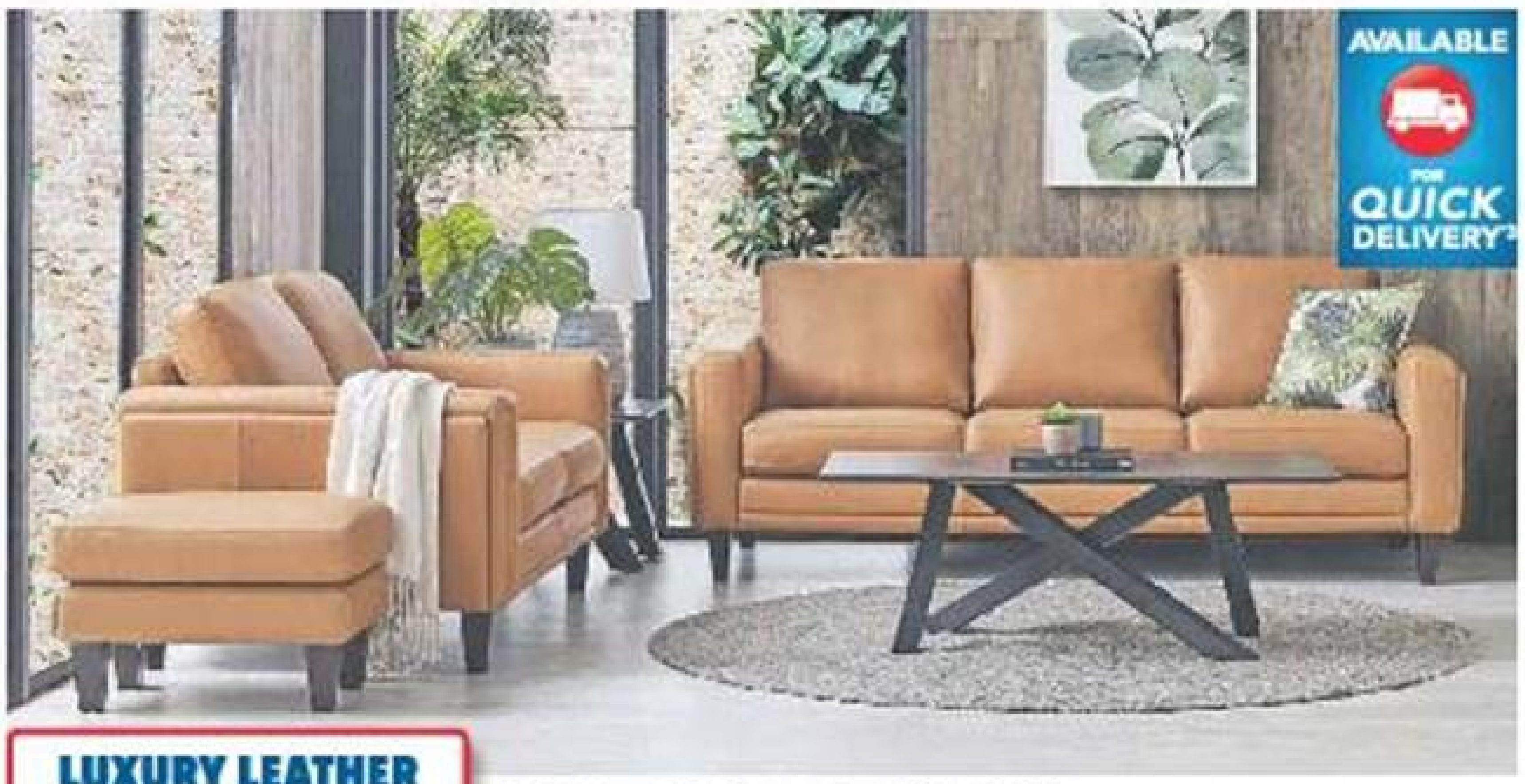
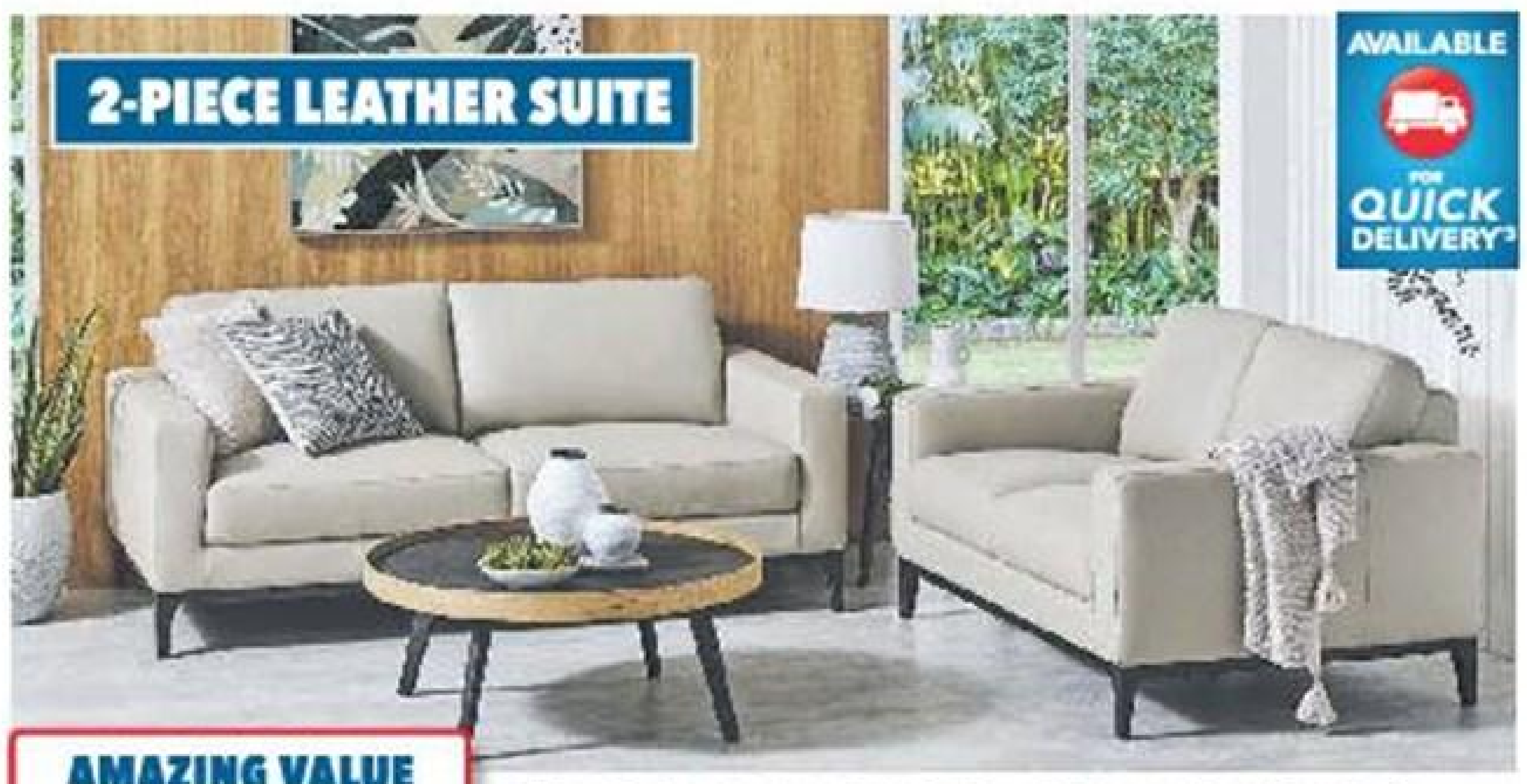


LUXURY LEATHER

$1999

Available in store & online.

'Florence' 3-Seater Leather Sofa.
Featured in 'Luxury' Caramel leather.
Available in a selection of leather options.
Also available to order:
2-Seater Leather Sofa **$1799** | Leather Armchair **$1199**
Leather Ottoman **$599**

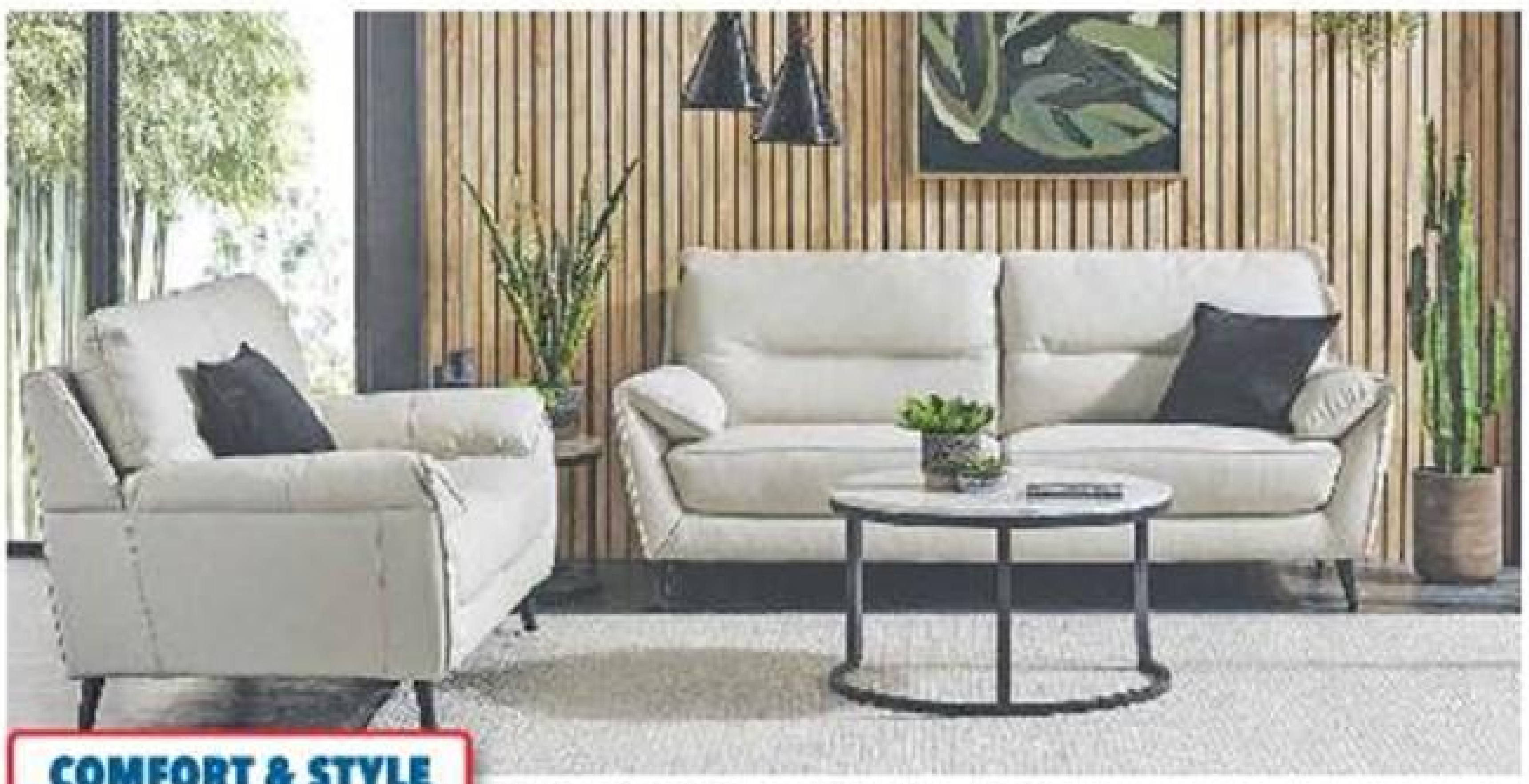


AMAZING VALUE

$1999

Available in store & online.

'Elise' 3-Seater Leather Sofa + 2-Seater Leather Sofa.
Featured in Wheat leather.
Also available in Blue or Black leather options.



COMFORT & STYLE

$2999

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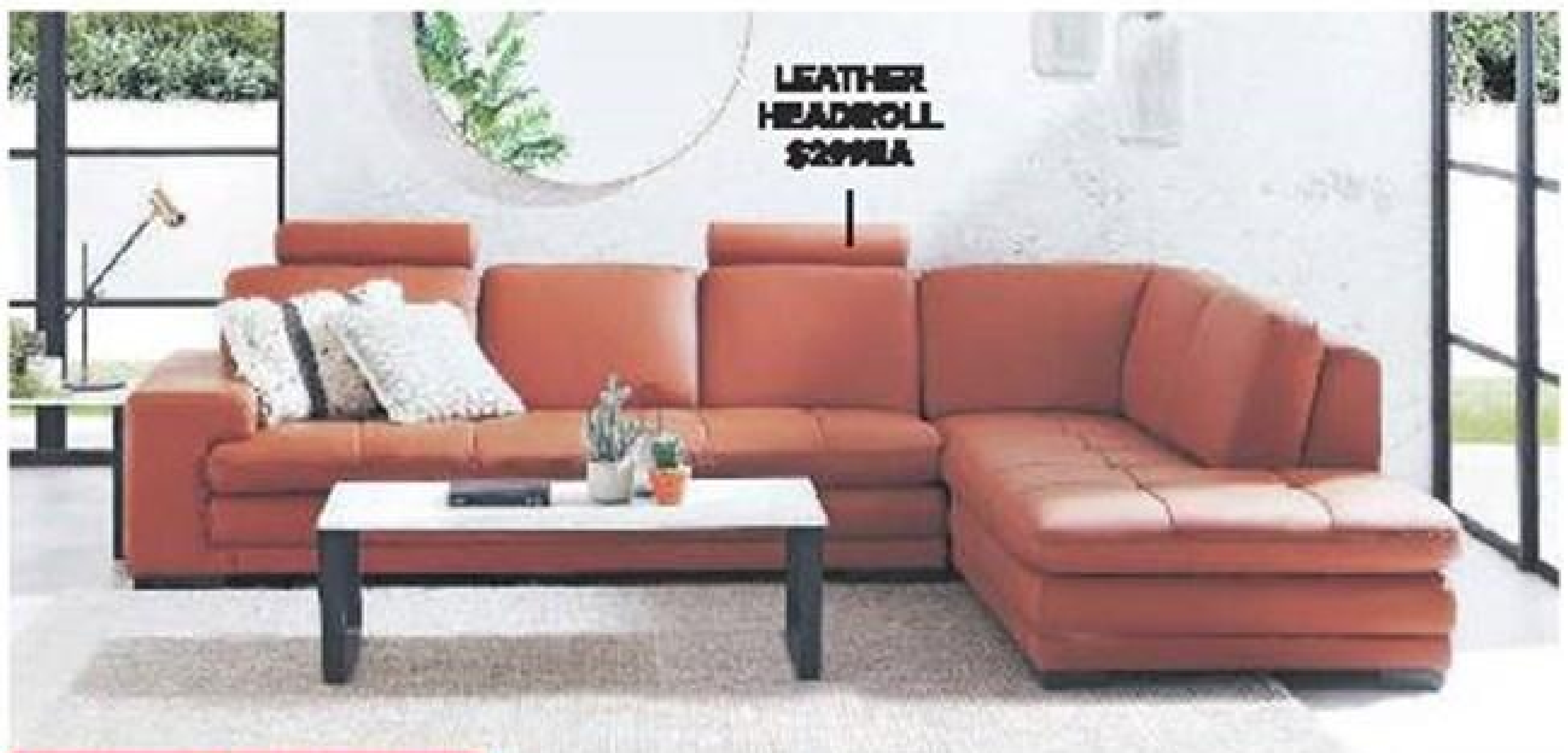
'Reims' 2.5-Seater Leather Sofa.
Featured in Frost leather.
Also available in Grey leather.
Also available to order:
2-Seater Leather Sofa **$2499**



LUXURIOUS LIVING

$3999

Available in store only.

'Dylan' 3-Seater Leather Sofa with Chaise.
Featured in stunning 'Villa' Terracotta leather.
Available in a selection of 'Villa' leather colours.

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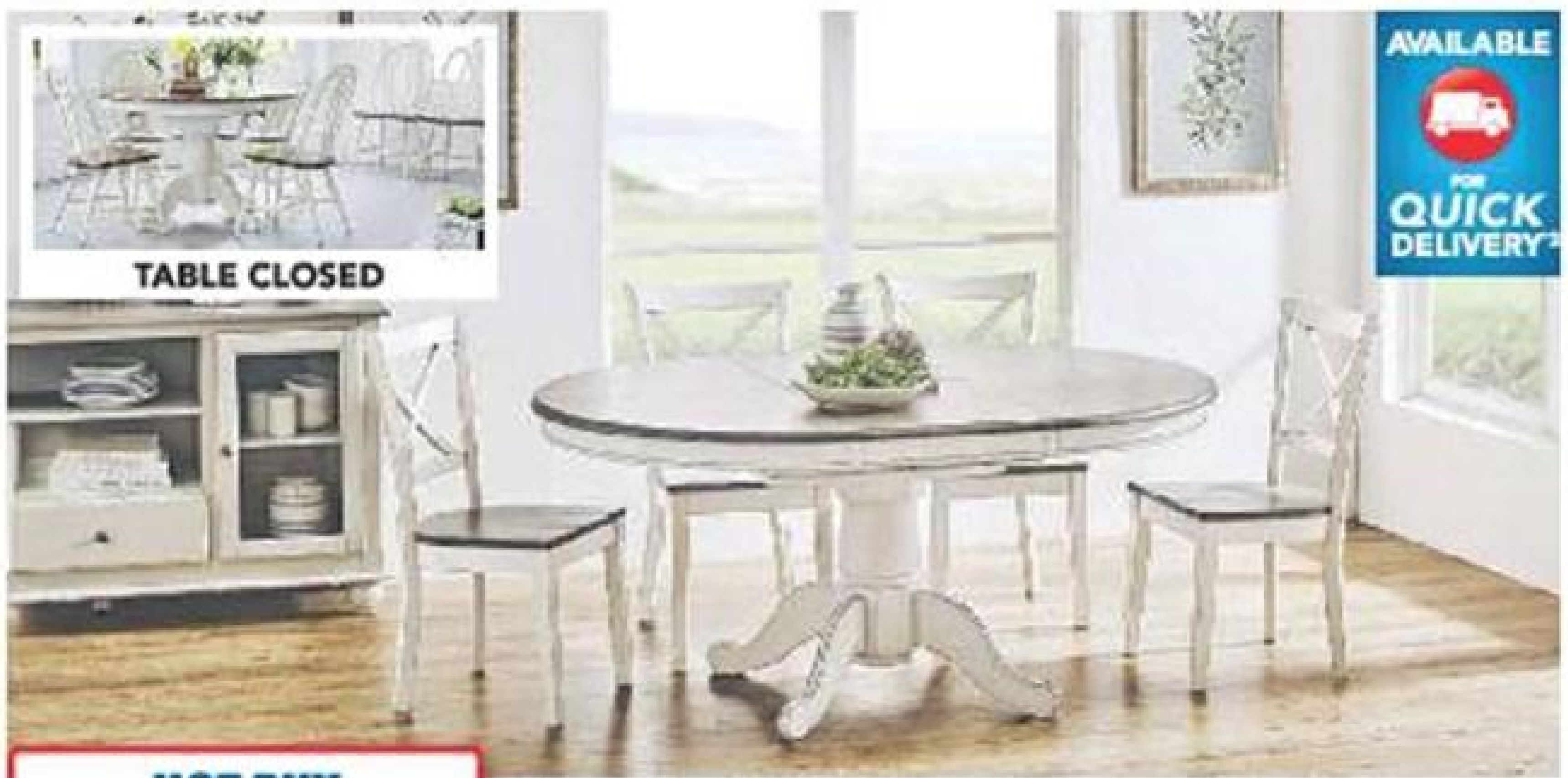
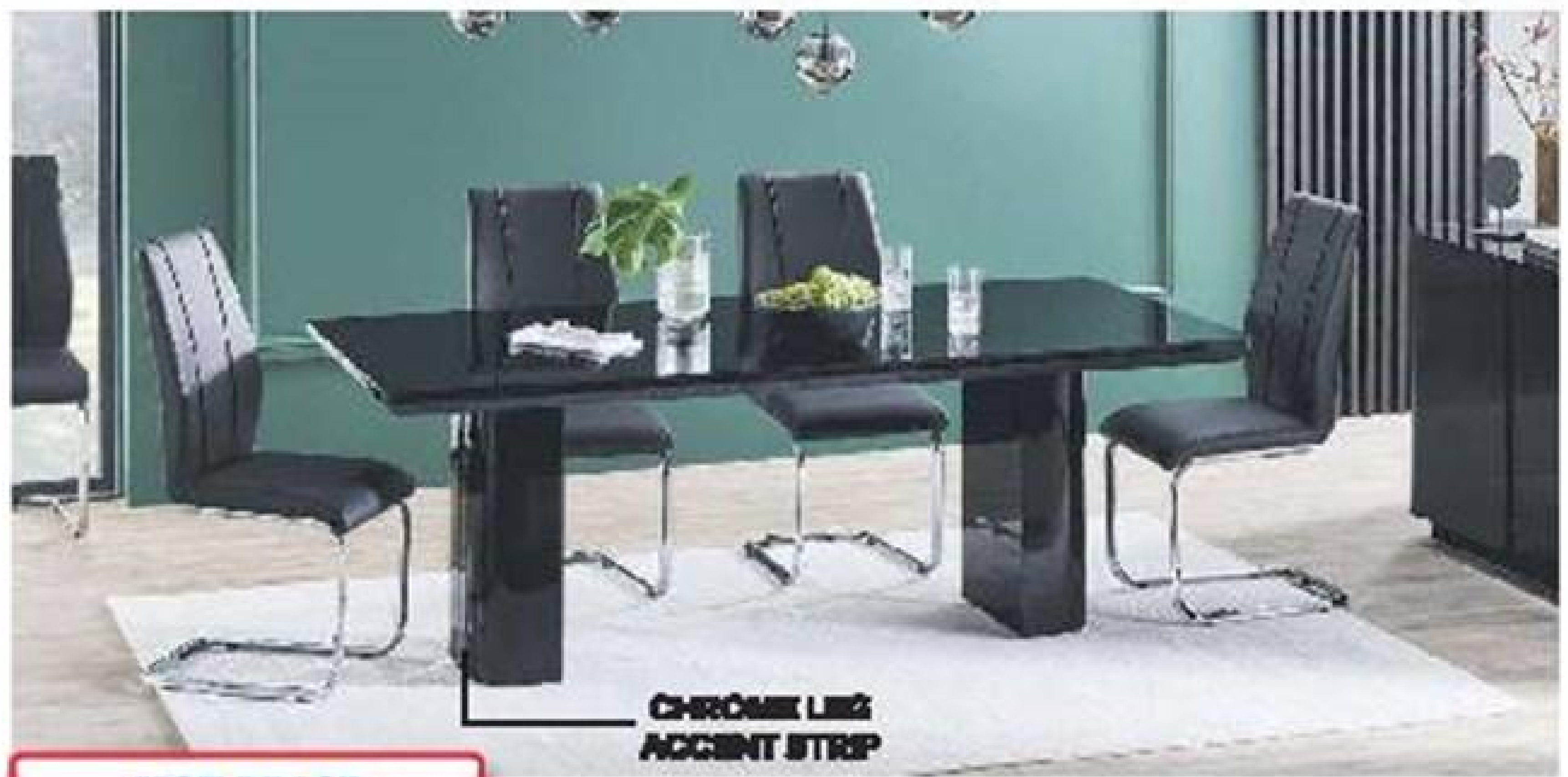


HOT BUY

$1799

Available in store & online.

'Hampshire' 7-Piece Round Extension Dining Suite.
Suite consists of a timber extension dining table (W120-165 x D120 x H75cm) and six timber dining chairs in Cross-Back (as pictured) or Traditional style. Available in Two Tone Grey (as pictured) or Traditional Two Tone Honey/Beige.
Also available to order: 120-165cm Oval Extension Dining Table **$959** | Timber Dining Chair **$219ea**
152cm 2-Door 1-Drawer Buffet **$1199**



HOT PRICE

$1999

Available in store & online.

'Bolero' 7-Piece Rectangular Dining Suite.
Suite consists of a Black Gloss dining table with tempered glass tabletop (W210 x D100 x H76) and six Black PU dining chairs.
Also available to order:
9-Piece 210cm Rectangular Dining Suite **$2299**
160cm 2-Door/3-Drawer Buffet **$1259**

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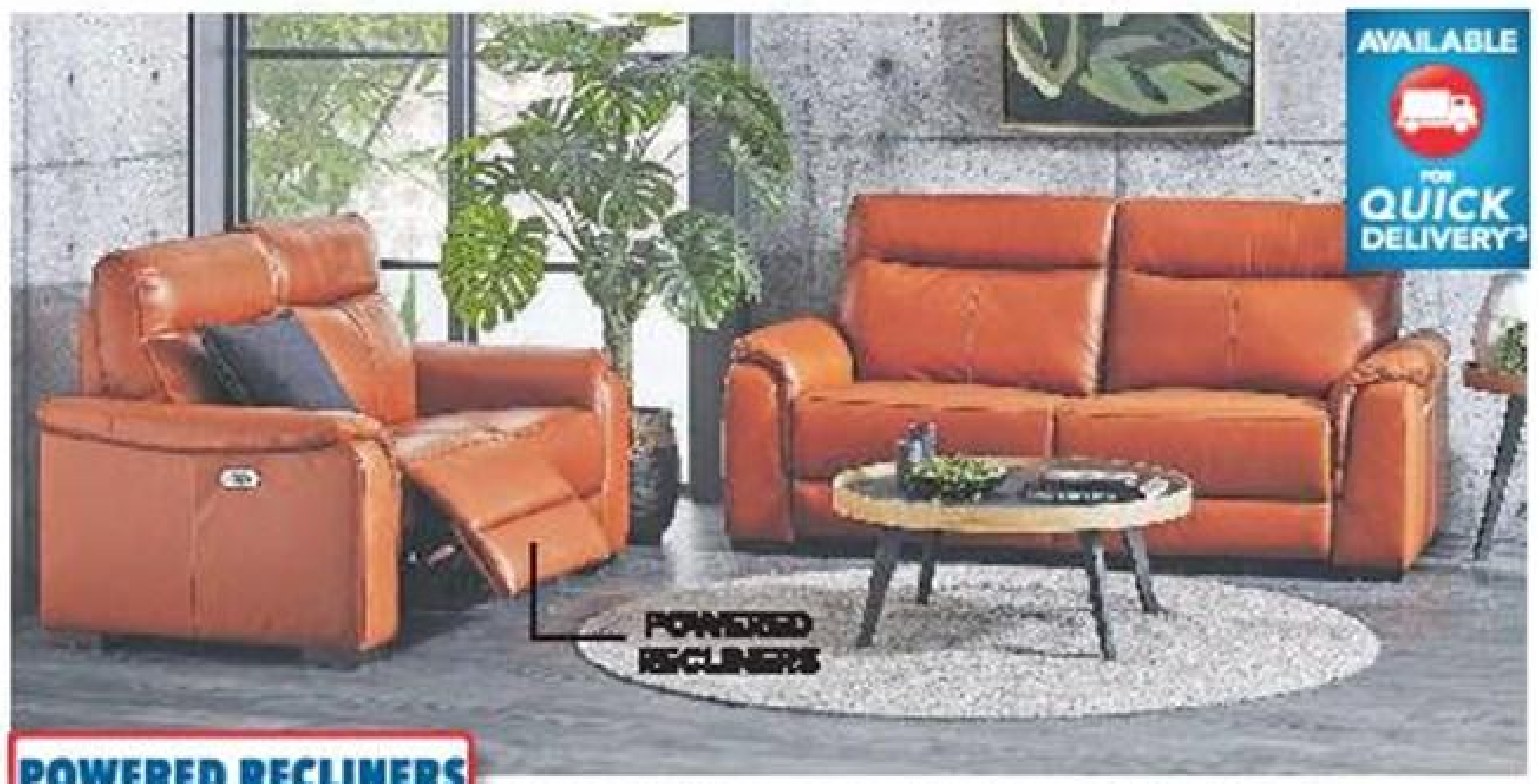
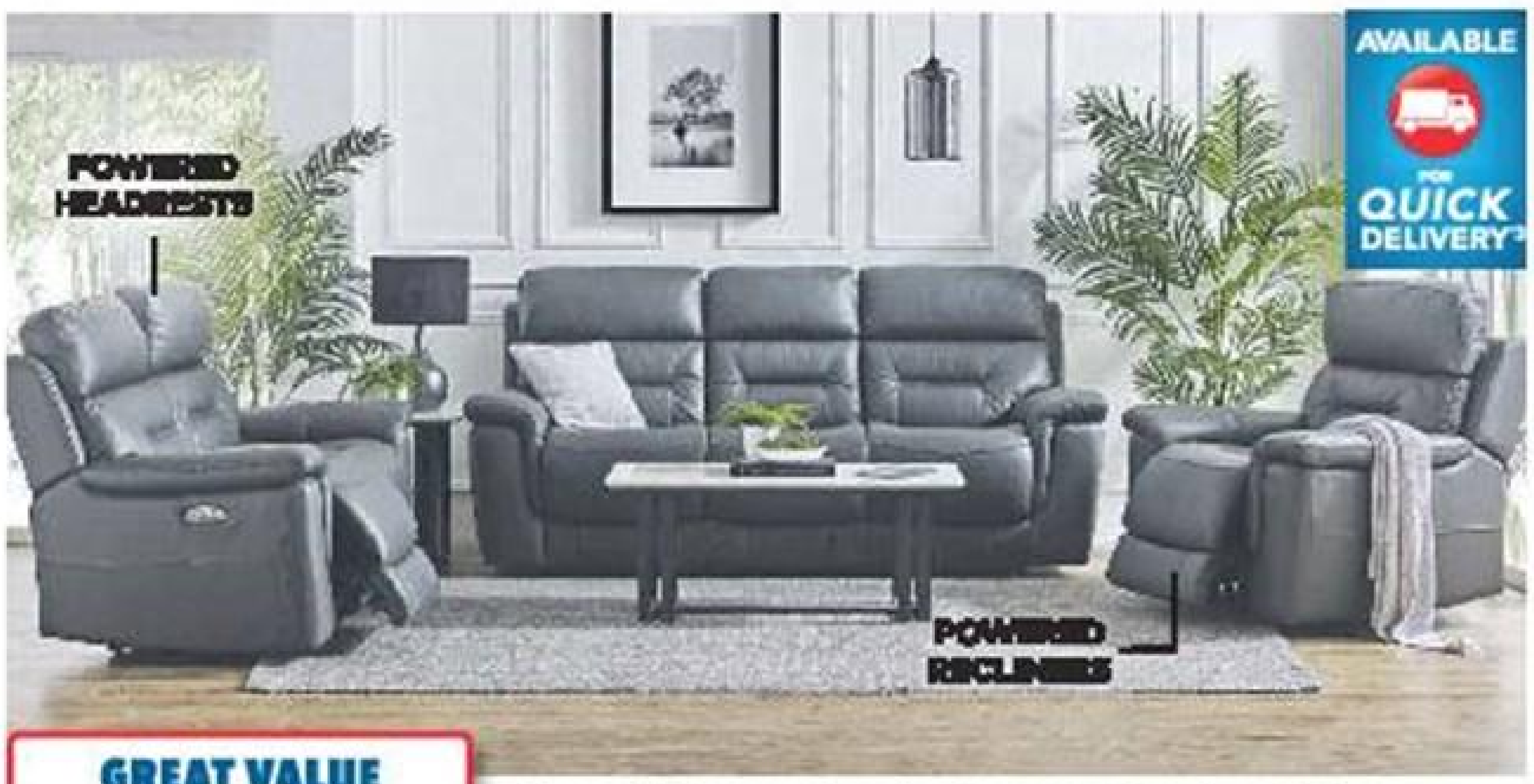


POWERED RECLINERS

$2499

Available in store & online.

'Essen' 2.5-Seater Leather Powered Recliner Sofa.
Featured in Ochre leather.
Also available in Black and Light Grey leather options.
Also available to order:
2-Seater Leather Powered Recliner Sofa **$2199**

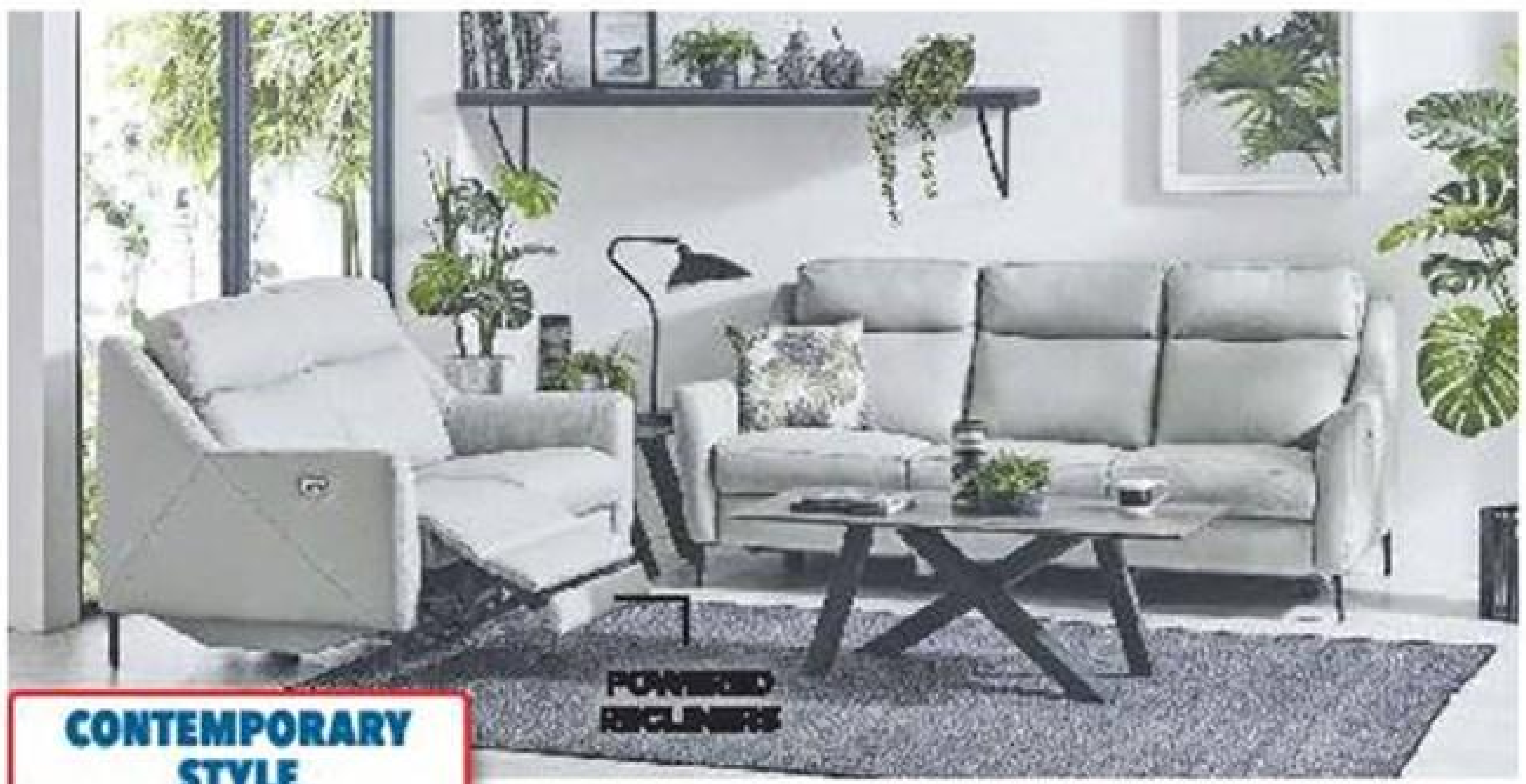


GREAT VALUE

$2499

Available in store & online.

'Carson' 3-Seater Leather Powered Recliner Sofa.
Featured in Shale Grey leather.
Also available in Light Grey leather.
Also available to order:
2-Seater Leather Powered Recliner Sofa **$2299**
Leather Powered Recliner Armchair **$1499**

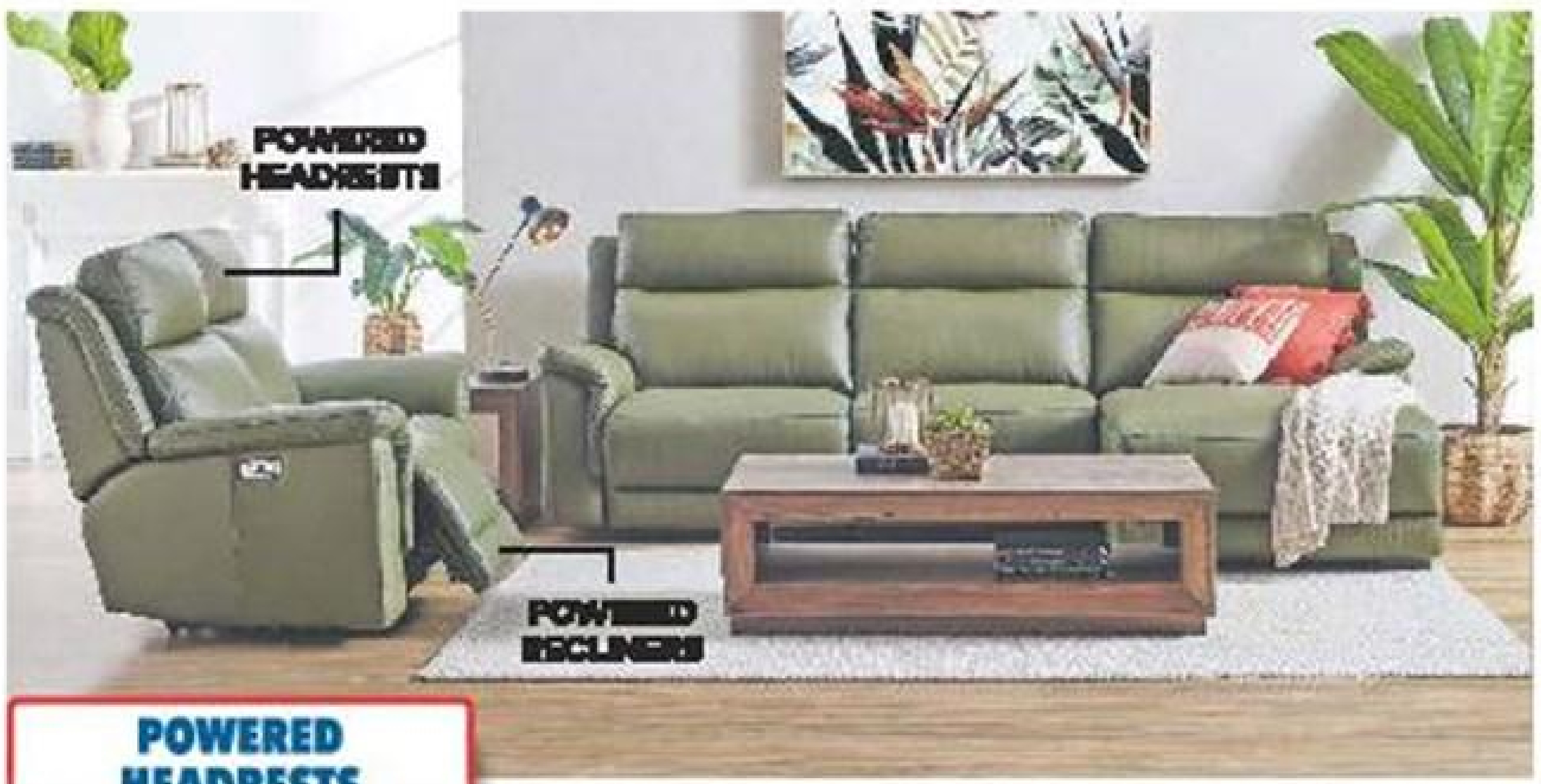


CONTEMPORARY STYLE

$2999

Available in store & online.

'Tivoli' 3-Seater Leather Powered Recliner Sofa.
Featured in 'Tuscany' Pearl Grey leather.
Also available to order:
2-Seater Leather Powered Recliner Sofa **$2699**
Leather Powered Recliner Armchair **$1699**
Leather Ottoman **$699**



POWERED HEADRESTS

$5699

Available in store only.

'Kobe' 2.5-Seater Leather Powered Recliner Sofa with Chaise.
Featured in 'Villa' Virch leather.
Available in a selection of size and leather options.
Also available to order:
2-Seater Leather Powered Recliner Sofa **$3699**

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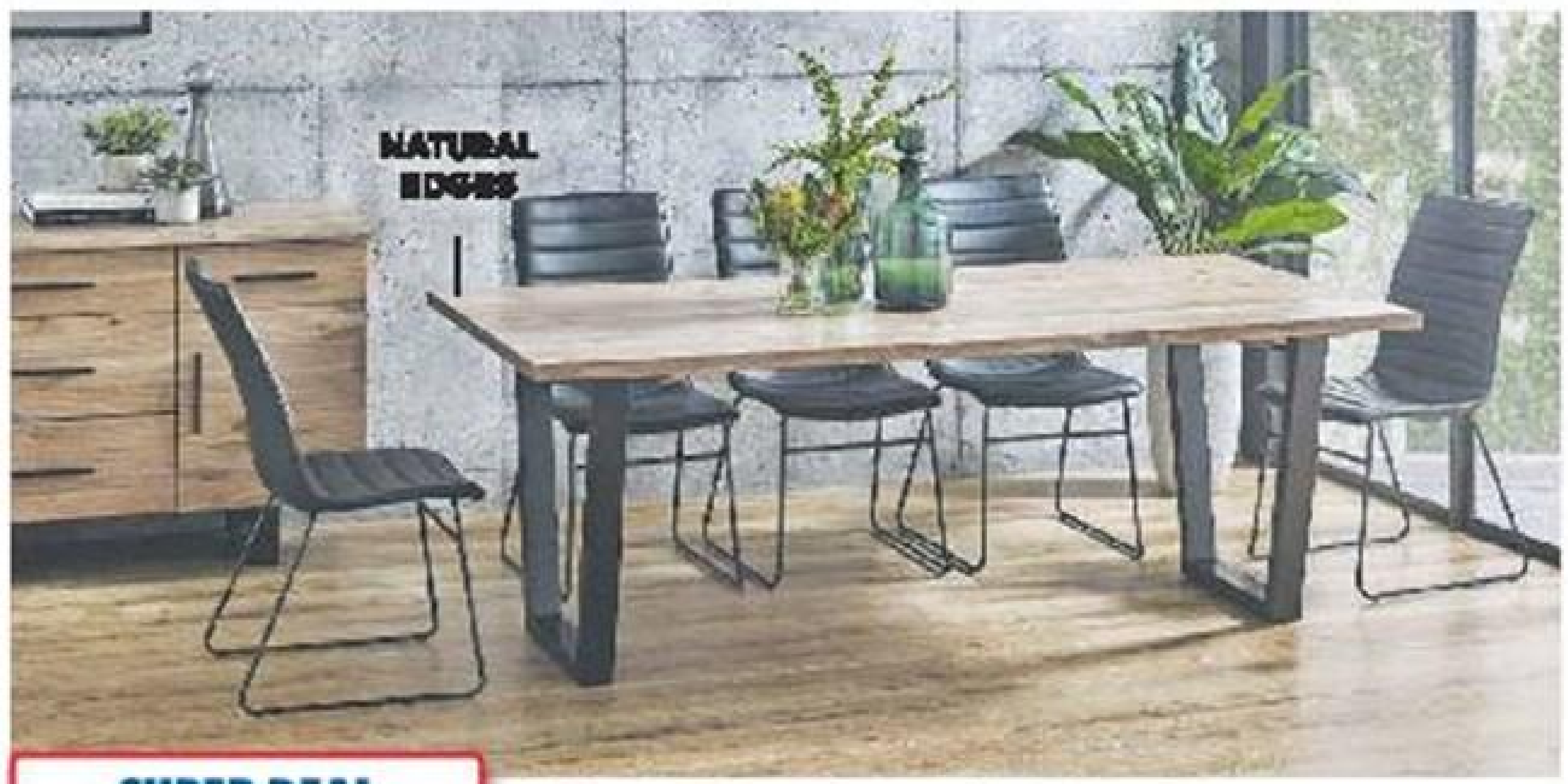
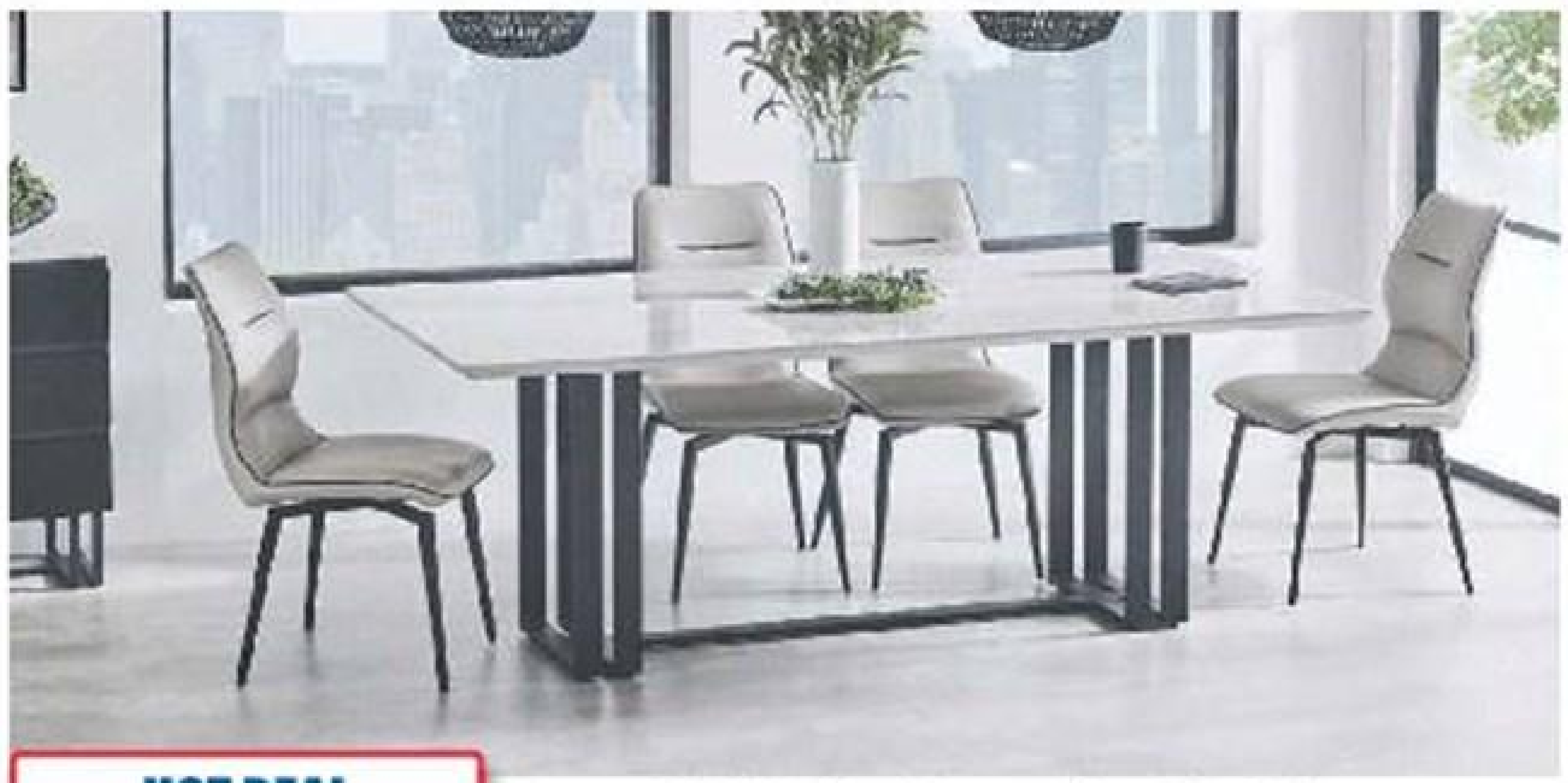


SUPER DEAL

$2299

Available in store & online.

'Adven' 9-Piece Rectangular Dining Suite.
Suite consists of a dining table with solid South American Ash Timber tabletop and black timber legs (W210 x D100 x H76.5cm) and eight 'Civic' PU dining chairs. Chairs available in Black PU (as pictured) or Grey Fabric.
Also available to order:
7-Piece 180cm Rectangular Dining Suite **$1999**
160cm 2-Door/5-Drawer Buffet **$1599**



HOT DEAL

$2499

Available in store & online.

'Aurora MK2' 7-Piece Rectangular Dining Suite.
Suite consists of a dining table with marble tabletop in Opal Grey film and black metal base (W210 x D105 x H76cm), and six Dining Chairs available in Pearl or Graphite PU with Dark Charcoal PU piping.
Also available to order:
210cm Rectangular Dining Table **$1699**
PU Dining Chair **$229ea** | 180cm 2-Door/3-Drawer Buffet **$1999**

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CLEARANCE

MASSAGE CHAIRS

6 AUTO MASSAGE PROGRAMMES

$3599

'Juno' Massage Chair.
- 6 auto massage programmes
- Zero wall proximity to minimise space
- 2D intelligent massage adjusts to match your body size
- 113cm long SL contour massage rail, from shoulder to thigh
- 3 switchable shoulder widths
- Remote control operation
- Sole roller for 3 roller foot massage
- 8 airbags for upper and lower arm massage
- 12 airbags for calf and ankle massage

AVAILABLE
FOR
QUICK DELIVERY*3

ZERO GRAVITY RECLINE POSITION FOR MAXIMISED COMFORT

FEATURE PACKED

$4999

'Rocco' Massage Chair.
- Zero gravity recline position for maximum comfort
- Infrared heating provides luxurious warmth and sublime comfort
- Auto shoulder detection
- 28 airbags around the shoulders, arms, calves and feet help relieve pressure in key areas
- 135cm long SL contour massage rail
- Manual or 6 auto massage programmes
- Integrated Bluetooth*7 audio speakers and USB port
- Speed-adjustable foot rollers
- Armrest quick buttons and full remote control

AVAILABLE
FOR
QUICK DELIVERY*3

ZERO GRAVITY RECLINE POSITION FOR MAXIMISED COMFORT

RECLINER CHAIRS

AVAILABLE
FOR
QUICK DELIVERY*3

$478

'Lusso' Fabric Swivel Recliner & Footstool.
Available in fabric or PU.

AVAILABLE
FOR
QUICK DELIVERY*3

$999

'Kirra' Fabric Swivel Recliner with Built-In Footstool.
Available in 'Nero' or 'Graphite' fabric options.

AVAILABLE
FOR
QUICK DELIVERY*3

$1299

'Whitehaven' Fabric Powered Recliner Armchair.
Available in 'Ash' or 'Jet' fabric options.

AVAILABLE
FOR
QUICK DELIVERY*3

$1999

'Sven' Leather Swivel Recliner with Built-In Footstool.
Available in 'Silver' or 'Black' leather options.

LIFT CHAIRS

AVAILABLE
FOR
QUICK DELIVERY*3

$799

'Longreef' Fabric Lift Chair.
Available in 'Mink' or 'Beige' fabric options.

AVAILABLE
FOR
QUICK DELIVERY*3

$1399

'Bitola' Leather Lift Chair.
Available in 'Taupe' or 'Grey' leather options.

POWERED HEADREST
AVAILABLE
FOR
QUICK DELIVERY*3

$1999

'Solace' Fabric Dual Motor Lift Chair.
Available in 'Dove' or 'Moss' fabric options.

AVAILABLE
FOR
QUICK DELIVERY*3

$2599

'Sadler' Fabric Triple Motor Lift Chair with Massage.
Available in 'Grey' or 'Granite' fabric options.
Also available: Leather Triple Motor Lift Chair with Massage **$2899**

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FORECAST

Statewide today

Light showers about the south and east, clearing during the afternoon. Fine elsewhere until isolated showers develop about the north in the late afternoon and evening. Southerly winds, fresh about the east and west coasts, easing in the evening. Afternoon sea breezes in the north.

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HOBART

Cloudy. Winds southerly 15 to 25 km/h becoming light in the late evening.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. Light winds becoming southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h in the early afternoon then becoming light in the late evening.
Saturday Mostly sunny. Light winds becoming south to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h during the day then becoming light during the evening.

26
15

LAUNCESTON

Sunny day. Medium chance of showers in the evening. Winds southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h becoming light in the late afternoon then becoming west to northwesterly 15 to 20 km/h in the evening.
Tomorrow: Cloudy. Light winds becoming north to northwesterly 15 to 25 km/h in the late afternoon then becoming light in the late evening.

24
15

DEVONPORT

Partly cloudy. Slight chance of a shower in the late afternoon and evening. Winds south to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h becoming light in the morning then becoming northwest to northeasterly 15 to 25 km/h in the middle of the day.

22
15

BURNIE

Partly cloudy. Medium chance of showers in the late afternoon and evening. Light winds becoming east to northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h in the morning then tending northwest to northeasterly 15 to 25 km/h in the early afternoon.

23
12

STRAHAN

Cloud clearing. Winds southerly 15 to 20 km/h tending southeasterly early in the morning then tending southeast to southwesterly 15 to 25 km/h in the morning.

20
13

SWANSEA

Cloudy. Winds southerly 15 to 25 km/h tending southeasterly in the early afternoon then becoming light in the late evening.

21
15

ST. HELENS

Partly cloudy. Winds southerly 20 to 30 km/h turning southeasterly in the early afternoon then decreasing to 15 to 20 km/h in the evening.

Hobart Outlook:

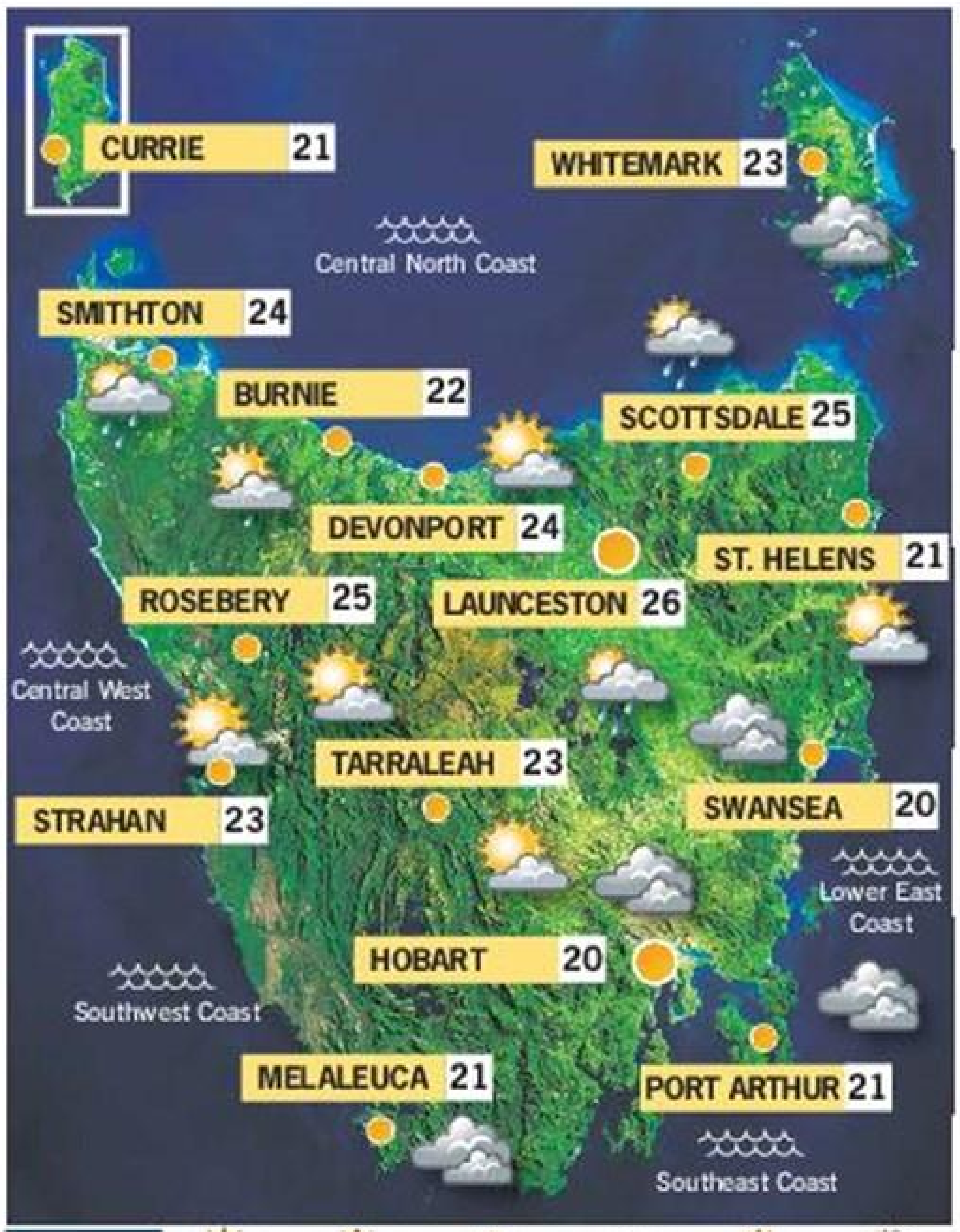
Friday.	Partly cloudy. 11 / 22
Saturday.	Mostly sunny. 12 / 24
Sunday.	Mostly sunny. 14 / 28
Monday.	Showers. 17 / 23
Tuesday.	Shower or two. 15 / 23
Wednesday.	Partly cloudy. 14 / 23

Statewide tomorrow

Fine apart from isolated showers about the north. Light winds with afternoon sea breezes.

Saturday

Fine. Light winds with afternoon sea breezes.



MAP ICONS

sunny, mostly sunny, partly cloudy, cloudy, chance shower, showers, light rain, rain, storms, windy, fog, snow

TIDES

TODAY	**Hobart**	High	3:37am (1.21m)	2:57pm (0.99m)
		Low	10:09am (0.84m)	9:11pm (0.65m)
	Burnie	High	6:09am (3.12m)	6:25pm (2.90m)
		Low	12:30pm (0.99m)	
	Devonport	High	6:02am (3.13m)	6:18pm (2.91m)
		Low	12:25pm (0.99m)	
	Low Head	High	6:05am (3.20m)	6:20pm (2.96m)
		Low	12:27pm (1.08m)	
	Spring Bay	High	3:12am (1.04m)	2:45pm (0.95m)
		Low	9:08am (0.66m)	9:11pm (0.50m)
	Stanley	High	6:23am (3.32m)	6:35pm (3.05m)
		Low	12:16am (1.03m)	12:50pm (1.17m)
TOMORROW	**Hobart**	High	4:01am (1.26m)	4:09pm (0.94m)
		Low	11:04am (0.75m)	9:34pm (0.72m)
	Burnie	High	6:43am (3.11m)	7:09pm (2.89m)
		Low	12:36am (0.96m)	1:09pm (0.95m)
	Devonport	High	6:36am (3.13m)	7:02pm (2.90m)
		Low	12:31am (0.95m)	1:04pm (0.95m)
	Low Head	High	6:39am (3.19m)	7:04pm (2.95m)
		Low	12:33am (1.03m)	1:07pm (1.03m)
	Spring Bay	High	3:48am (1.08m)	3:50pm (0.91m)
		Low	10:10am (0.62m)	9:49pm (0.54m)
	Stanley	High	6:57am (3.30m)	7:18pm (3.03m)
		Low	12:53am (1.13m)	1:30pm (1.14m)

SUN AND MOON

Last Jan 4 ◐ **New** Jan 11 ● **First** Jan 18 ◑ **Full** Jan 26 ○

Today: **Sunrise** 5:38 am **Sunset** 8:53 pm **Moonrise** 12:41 am **Moonset** 1:22 pm

Warnings:
Warnings were current at 5pm yesterday.
Latest info at **www.bom.gov.au/tas/warnings** or 1300 659 210 (local call cost)
Issued for Thu, 4 January 2024

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COASTAL WATERS

DERWENT ESTUARY

Today: Winds: Southerly 10 to 15 knots decreasing to below 10 knots in the late evening. Seas: Around 1 metre. Weather: Cloudy.
Tomorrow: Winds: South to southwesterly below 10 knots tending southeasterly 10 to 15 knots in the early afternoon then decreasing to about 10 knots in the evening. Seas: Below 1 metre. Weather: Partly cloudy.

CHANNEL

Today: Winds: South to southwesterly 10 to 15 knots tending south to southeasterly below 10 knots in the late morning and afternoon. Seas: Around 1 metre. Weather: Cloudy.

SOUTHEAST COAST

Today: Winds: Southwesterly 15 to 20 knots tending southerly early in the morning. Seas: 1 to 1.5 metres, decreasing below 1 metre during the afternoon. Swell: Southwesterly 1.5 to 2.5 metres. Weather: Cloudy.

LOWER EAST COAST

Today: Winds: Southerly 15 to 20 knots, reaching up to 25 knots near Maria Island during the morning. Winds decreasing to about 10 knots in the late evening. Seas: Around 1 metre, increasing to 1 to 2 metres during the morning, then decreasing to 1 to 1.5 metres around midday. 1st Swell: South to southwesterly 1.5 to 2.5 metres. 2nd Swell: Northeasterly around 1 metre. Weather: Cloudy.

MAINLAND CENTRES

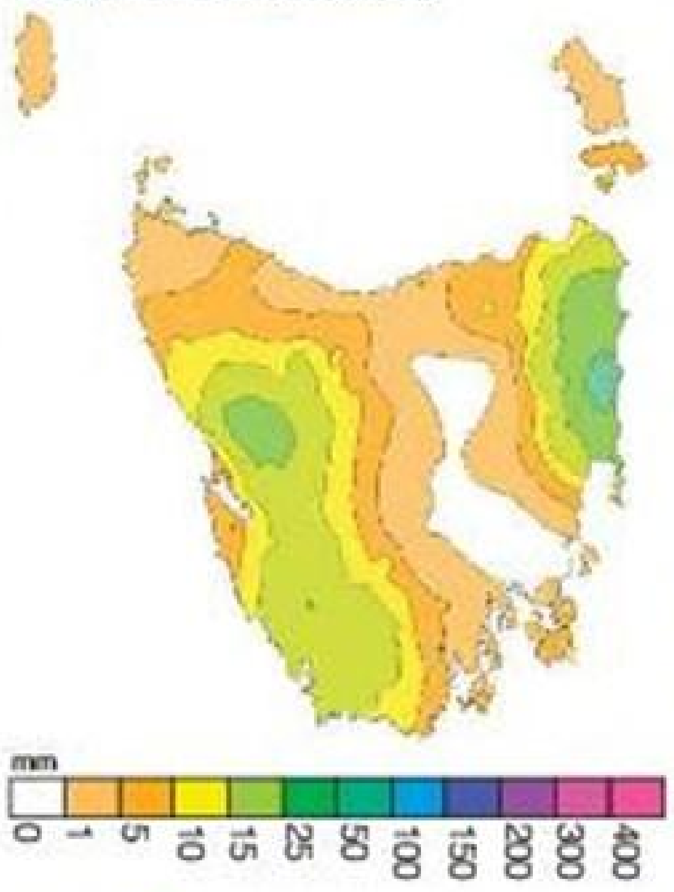
Adelaide	Mostly sunny.	30	Darwin	Shower, storm.	34
Albury	Shower or two.	31	Gold Coast	Partly cloudy.	30
Alice Springs	Partly cloudy.	41	Melbourne	Cloudy.	24
Bendigo	Partly cloudy.	29	Mildura	Partly cloudy.	36
Bourke	Partly cloudy.	42	Mt. Gambier	Partly cloudy.	25
Broome	Sunny.	34	Perth	Sunny.	32
Brisbane	Partly cloudy.	32	Sunshine Coast	Shower or two.	30
Cairns	Mostly sunny.	34	Sydney	Shower developing.	29
Canberra	Showers, storm.	27	Townsville	Mostly sunny.	34

WORLD CENTRES

Auckland	14	24	fine	London	6	9	cloudy
Bangkok	24	35	fine	Los Angeles	8	16	sunny
Beijing	-6	4	fine	New Delhi	8	17	fog
Cape Town	20	30	fine	New York	2	4	cloudy
Christchurch	13	25	fine	Paris	7	11	sunny
Dubai	20	25	rain	Rome	11	16	cloudy
Hong Kong	16	19	sunny	Singapore	24	33	storms
Honolulu	22	27	sunny	Suva	24	31	storms
Jakarta	25	30	rain	Tokyo	5	14	fine

Rainfall

7 days to 9am yesterday



TASMANIA YESTERDAY

	Rain	Min	Max
Bushy Park	0.0	13	26
Butlers Gorge	0.0	12	24
Campania	0.0	14	27
Cape Bruny	0.0	16	22
Cressy	0.0	15	29
Devonport	na	19	27
Eddystone	2.2	18	23
Flinders Is	0.0	20	26
Friendly Beaches	0.0	17	25
Grove	0.0	12	27
Hartz Mountains	0.0	12	20
Hobart	0.0	16	23
King Island	2.6	18	24
Launceston	0.0	17	32
Liawenee	0.0	11	22
Low Head	0.0	18	27
Maatsuyker Is	0.0	14	16
Maria Island	0.0	16	23
Mt Wellington	1.4	9	16
Ouse	0.0	14	27
Scotts Peak	0.0	14	25
Scottsdale	0.0	16	27
Sheffield	0.0	15	27
Smithton	0.0	17	27
St Helens	1.0	17	23
Strahan	0.0	16	27
Tunnack	0.0	13	24
Wynyard	0.0	17	27

SunSmart

HOBART
Sun protection recommended from
8:50am to 5:40pm
Max UV index: 11 (extreme)

LAUNCESTON
Sun protection recommended from
8:50am to 5:40pm
Max UV index: 11 (extreme)

CHART KEY

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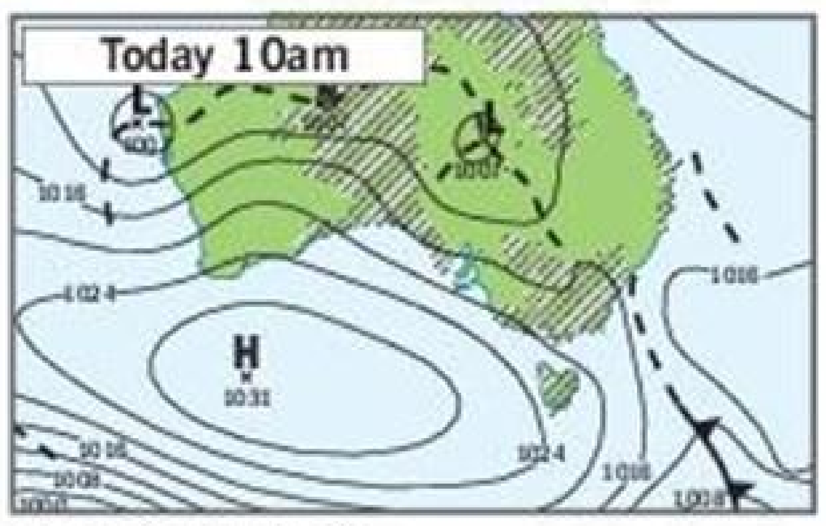

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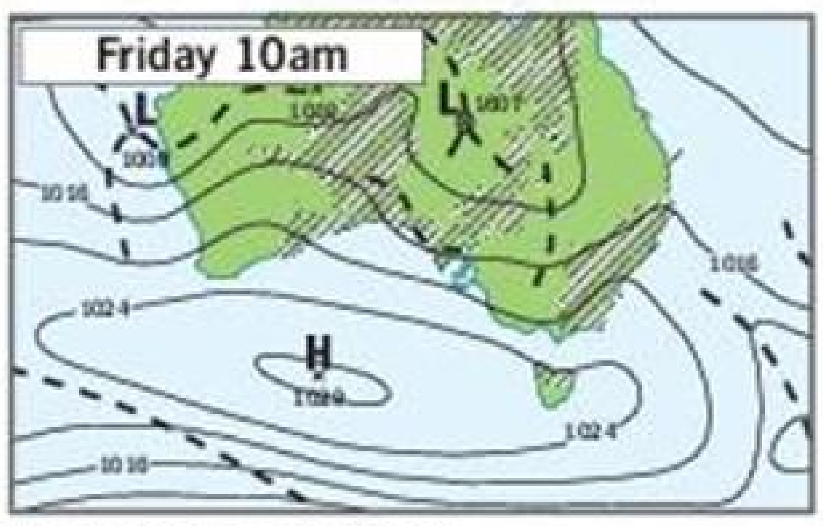

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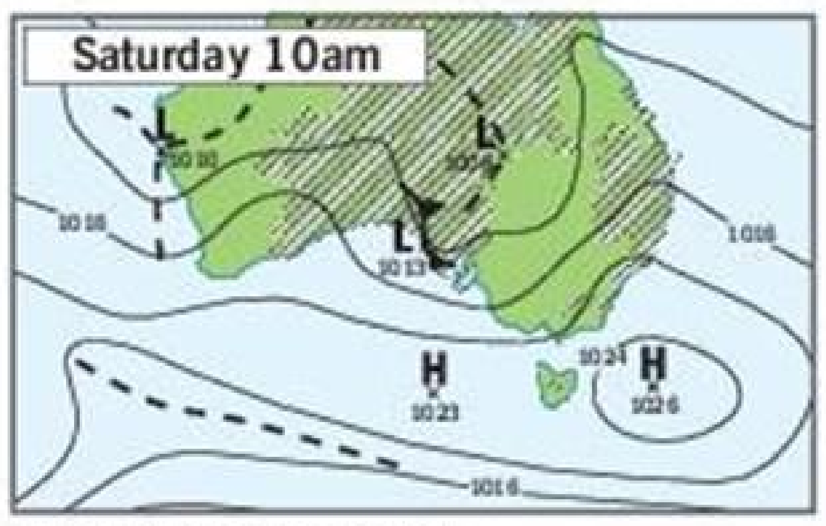

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TIME, GENTLEMEN

Truce reached at Endeavour as chairman and key director step down

Eli Greenblat
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Board renewal
IN
OUT
ARI MERVIS
Chairman-elect
PETER MARGIN
Nominated director
PETER HEARL
Chairman
BRUCE MATHIESON JR
Director

The civil war that engulfed the board of liquor and pubs giant Endeavour Group late last year has finally claimed the job of its under-siege chairman Peter Hearl.

Board director Bruce Mathieson Jr is also stepping down, in a board restructure aimed at putting the nastiness of 2023 behind it. The slated departure of Mr Mathieson Jr comes after the public battle before last year's annual general meeting that saw his father, Bruce Mathieson Sr, support a rebel candidate for the board and launch a savage verbal personal attack on Endeavour chief executive Steve Donohue and Mr Hearl.

As Endeavour's largest shareholder with a stake of 15 per cent, the Mathiesons will still be extended a boardroom seat. Mr Mathieson Jr's resignation will take effect on June 30, or at an earlier date if agreed between him and the board.

Endeavour owns 1700 retail chains under its Dan Murphy's and BWS banners as well as a network of 354 pubs – created from the pub's empire owned by the Mathieson family.

On Wednesday, the group said Peter Margin and Ari Mervis have been selected to join the board as new directors to fill casual vacancies, subject to probity and the receipt of regulatory approvals.

Mr Mervis, who is also the new chairman-elect, is increasingly being seen as the director companies turn to help restructure boards and seal rifts.

He was recently appointed as chairman of department store owner Myer.

Mr Mervis is also the chairman of McPherson's, which has gone through its own shareholder and operational turmoil. Mr Margin has extensive corporate and boardroom experience as former chief executive of Goodman Fielder and National Foods and is chairman of both Bega Cheese and Golf Australia.

Endeavour's internal troubles erupted last year in the lead-up to its AGM, when rebel candidate Bill Wavish, a former Woolworths supermarkets boss and executive chairman of Myer, put his hand up to run for the board and won support from Mr Mathieson Sr.

The AGM turned into a nasty public spectacle as former Woolworths boss Roger Corbett swung his support behind Mr Wavish and launched withering attacks on Endeavour, its board, CEO and chairman and was joined by the Mathieson camp in the brawl.

It also fuelled a proxy battle as the warring camps lobbied for support. Mr Wavish eventually lost the shareholder vote at the rowdy AGM but it left Endeavour's board in open conflict.

It is believed that negotiations for a peace deal started at the end of the AGM.

Mr Hearl will oversee the new director appointments and intends to retire from the board after Mr Mervis obtains all necessary regulatory approvals and an orderly transition to become the new chairman, anticipated to be by the end of April.

Mr Hearl has served as Endeavour's inaugural chairman since 2021, leading the company through its demerger from Woolworths as a standalone liquor and pubs giant.

"We welcome Ari and Peter to the Endeavour Group," Mr Hearl said. "Our focus on a deliberate and comprehensive process for board renewal has secured experienced and respected company directors.

"Ari and Peter's nomination completes the first phase of our board renewal process and future director appointments will be overseen by the new chairman-elect."

In his ASX statement, Mr Hearl acknowledged Mr Mathieson Jr's contribution to the business.

Mr Mathieson Jr in turn said he was confident that Mr Margin and Mr Mervis' skills and experience would contribute significantly to the board and the company.

Canva draws a $1.48bn payday

Jared Lynch

Longtime investors and employees at Canva are set for a $US1bn ($1.48bn) payday, with the company close to finalising a deal on the sale of a tranche of shares ahead of a potential public listing.

The Australian-owned digital design and visual communication platform won't raise any money from the deal, which is set to value the company at $US26bn and involve early investors and staff selling stock to new investors, according to US reports.

Co-founder Cliff Obrecht

The news comes after a similar deal the company struck last August that involved Blackbird selling a 3 per cent stake to US investors. A Canva spokesman could not be reached for comment.

Cameron Adams, Melanie Perkins and Cliff Obrecht founded the company a decade ago. Its design templates, which proliferate across businesses, school projects and social media accounts, are easily identified by their playful fonts and colourful palettes.

One of Australia's biggest success stories, Canva's $US25.5bn valuation is down 35 per cent from a peak of $US40bn in September 2021 but Mr Obrecht said last August that its valuation was "solid" compared to other software companies. Canva is expected to list on the US market within the next 18 months.

Cyber attack execs' worst fear

Matt Bell

Cyber threats are more likely to keep Australia's business leaders up at night than any other factor as record levels of immigration ease fears about finding workers.

The "Keeping us up at Night" survey of 319 senior executives at private businesses by professional services firm KPMG Australia revealed leaders are also concerned about regulation and cost control issues as they look to combat a high inflationary environment.

Cyber threats were the main concern for 43 per cent of executives after the corporate world was rocked by a attacks at DP World, Latitude Financial and Optus in recent years.

"High-profile attacks and outages over the last 12 months have clearly reinforced the importance of cyber in executive minds and boardrooms," KPMG chief executive Andrew Yates said.

"It's a heightened concern, not only the continuing increasing threat and always needing to evolve your own risk management, but also an awareness of the impact of issues when they occur."

KPMG chief executive Andrew Yates

Cyber risks were only the fourth top priority in 2023 but recent high-profile cyber attacks and outages affecting large numbers of people and businesses have seen the issue shift up the business agenda.

KPMG observed that given most executives do not come from a technology or cyber background, there may also be a fear of the unknown compared with challenges which are in their comfort zone.

"(Cyber) has elevated itself in boardrooms and executive rooms around the country," Mr Yates said. "Every company is investing an incredible lot in cyber."

The report found business leaders were less concerned at finding talent, with just 42 per cent citing it as an issue, compared with 77 per cent who said it was the biggest challenge in 2023 and 69 per cent in 2022. This comes amid the arrival of 500,000 immigrants into Australia.

The third most important issue for the next 12 months (41 per cent) was dealing with regulations, while cost controls in an inflationary environment came joint fourth on 38 per cent.

Australia toppled as global king of LNG

Australia has been toppled as the world's top LNG exporter with the US taking the global crown for the first time amid strong growth from gas buyers in Europe.

US producers exported 91.2 million tonnes of LNG in 2023, marking an all-time high for the country, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

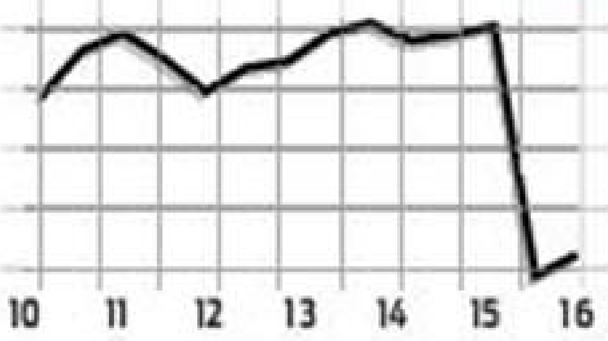
The move put Australia back into the second largest LNG exporter position with Qatar only slightly behind in third.

Australia and Qatar have been jostling for pole position in recent years while the US has also started to export more LNG at times, with access to low-cost supplies that can be shipped to buyers in both Europe and Asia.

US LNG production is forecast to grow to 93 million tonnes by 2025, according to Australia's Department of Industry, Science and Resources, and 134 million tonnes by 2028.

Australia, in contrast, will remain steady at 82 million tonnes through much of the decade. Qatar plans to add an extra 42 per cent of capacity taking output to 110 million tonnes a year.

ASX 200 HIGH: 7,627.8 LOW: 7,533.7



ASX 200	ALL ORDS	BEST ASX50	WORST ASX50	AU DOLLAR	OIL BRENT	IRON ORE
		MEDIBANK PRV	GOODMAN GROUP	US CENTS	$US PER BARREL	$US PER TONNE
7523.20	7757.30	$3.62	$24.31	67.68	75.97	136.37
-104.60	-110.10	+.05	-.80	-0.59	-1.11	-3.55
-1.37%	-1.39%	1.40%	-3.19%	-0.86%	-1.44%	-2.53%

Billionaire Raphael Geminder. Picture: Stuart McEvoy

Geminder closes in on Pact threshold

Eli Greenblat

Billionaire Raphael Geminder is within striking distance of wrapping up his $289m takeover for packaging company Pact, but a Christmas sharemarket rally has pushed the share price above his offer.

Mr Geminder's off-market takeover sits just short of the 90 per cent ownership he needs to acquire the remaining shares.

However, the recent sharemarket rally and thin trading volumes over the Christmas and New Year holiday have helped lift the Pact share price to 86.5c on Wednesday, higher than the 84c price per share offered by Mr Geminder's private company, Bennamon Industries.

Mr Geminder launched his takeover bid for Pact in September, offering just 68c per share and at the time he was sitting on just over 50 per cent of the company.

Later, Pact's independent directors recommended shareholders reject the first bid after an independent expert argued the company was worth between 83c and $1.24 a share. Mr Geminder later upped his bid to 84c.

The Pact float was the largest IPO in the Australian market in 2013 and at their peak, the shares were trading at around $7, to value the company at $2.4bn.

In its fifth supplementary bidder's statement and variation of takeover bid documents lodged with the ASX on Wednesday, Bennamon offered faster payment terms and reported it was now sitting at 85 per cent ownership. It said once it gets to 90 per cent it will move to compulsorily acquire all shares.

Mr Geminder is also considering delisting Pact even if he falls short of the 90 per cent barrier, although this would require ASX and shareholder approval.

ASX 200 falls off record high as US cracks appear

David Rogers

Australian stocks had their worst day in over three months as cracks appeared on Wall Street after strong gains in the past two months.

A day after hitting an over-two-year high of 7632.7 points, Australia's ASX 200 index dived 104.56 points or 1.4 per cent to close at a five-day low of 7523.2.

It follows a 0.6 per cent fall in the S&P 500 on the New York Stock Exchange overnight on Tuesday amid sharp falls in the "Magnificent Seven" tech giants including Apple, Meta Platforms and NVIDIA.

In percentage terms it was the biggest one-day fall in the ASX 200 since 27 September.

On Tuesday the ASX 200 rose 0.5 per cent to 7627.8 points, just below its record closing high of 7628.9 reached in August 2021.

The local market had soared almost 13 per cent in about nine weeks from October 30 to January 2, tracking a rise in the US market amid expectations of rapid-fire interest rate cuts in the US after a "dovish pivot" by the Fed.

A Wall Street trader

All sectors of the Australian market fell on Wednesday.

Bell Potter head of institutional sales and trading Richard Coppleson said Wednesday's fall "was not really a big deal" in the context of its recent gains.

"The real question is will the drop extend further, and if so, how far before those who have missed it and are long cash 'buy the dips'," he added.

Tech, property, materials and communications sectors fared worse than the benchmark index. Heavyweight iron ore miners, banks, health care and property stocks did most of the damage with BHP down 1.5 per cent to $49.77, while Fortescue slumped 1.9 per cent to $28.84 and Rio Tinto was off 1.4 per cent $134.72

Among other blue-chip losers CBA was down 1.3 per cent to $112.13, CSL off 1.2 per cent to $284.81, Goodman Group dropped 3.2 per cent to $24.31 and Macquarie Group down 1.7 per cent to $181.37.

BHP, CBA, Fortescue and Rio Tinto shares had hit fresh record highs in recent days.

Iron ore miners fell on Wednesday despite a further rise in iron ore prices amid expectations of supply tightness and hopes of policy stimulus from China after a recent speech by President Xi Jinping.

Singapore iron ore futures were up 0.6 per cent at $US142.65 a tonne after hitting a 21-month high of $US143.50.

The slump on Australia's share market came after a tech-led sell-off in the US market as Barclays downgraded Apple to an "underweight" rating, citing disappointing iPhone 15 sales, particularly in China.

The tech-heavy Nasdaq index fell 1.6 per cent overnight on Tuesday.

Citi bullish for iron ore in early 2024

Valerina Changarathil

The strong outperformance of iron ore majors last year is likely to run for at least the next six months, with China's steel production at "robust levels and expected to move higher", analysts at Citi say.

While slowing global growth is expected to be a headwind for metals this year, the momentum underpinning China's steel build-up and potential higher-than-expected earnings is a strong tailwind for the sector. It comes as China's port inventories of iron ore are struggling to recover given ongoing supply-side tightness.

Citi's research head Paul McTaggart said the broker was looking for a reversal in iron ore/metals performance – but not until well into the second half of this year. Consensus estimates for iron ore prices in the first half 2024 looked too low. "So earnings momentum for the iron ore exposures is expected to remain positive in the first months of CY24," he said.

On Wednesday, iron ore futures on the Singapore exchange were stronger at around $US142.55 per tonne – close to its 21-month high of $US143 a tonne a day earlier.

Citi has a sell rating on Fortescue, retained its buy rating on Rio Tinto and left BHP at neutral.

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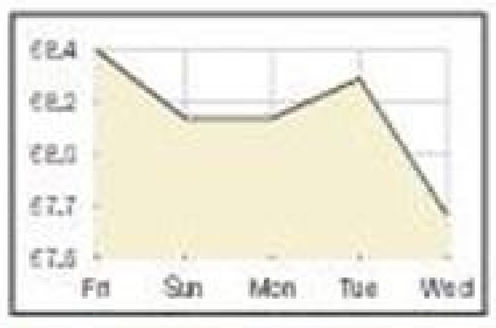
THE DOLLAR

US	67.68	-0.59c
Japan	96.12	+0.05y
Euro	0.617	-0.002e
NZ	1.079	-0.003d
UK	53.52	-0.11p

WEEK (US¢)



EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Buy	Sell
US dollar	0.697	0.655
UK pound	0.553	0.517
Canada dollar	0.929	0.871
D'mark kroner	4.749	4.456
EC euro	0.638	0.597
HK dollar	5.451	5.116
India rupee	58.034	54.168
Japan yen	99.08	92.84
NZ dollar	1.109	1.05
S Africa rand	13.029	12.038
S'pore dollar	0.928	0.868
S Korea won	-1	-1
Swiss franc	0.596	0.556

Rates: TT Wire

ASX INDEXES

ASX 200	7523.2	-104.60
All Ords	7757.3	-110.10
ASX 50	7413.2	-92.00
ASX 100	6325.3	-83.60
ASX 300	7467.1	-104.80

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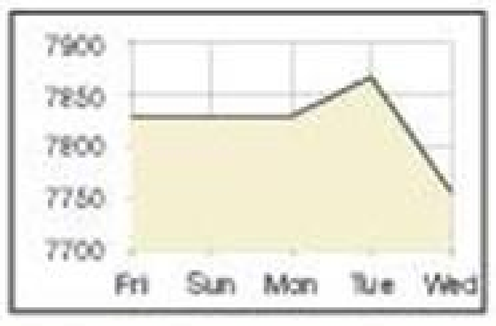

WORLD INDEXES

Dow Jones	37,715.04	+25.50
Nasdaq	15,011.35	-83.79
S&P 500	4769.83	-13.52
FTSE	7721.52	-11.72
Nikkei225	33,464.17	-75.45
Hang Seng	16,642.54	-146.01
Frankfurt DAX	16,769.36	+17.72
Euronext100	1395.11	-0.41
CAC40	7530.86	-12.32
IBEX	10,182.1	+80.00

RATES

10-year Bond	4.054%
90-day deposit	4.42%

TASMANIA

Stock	Close
Beacon Min	2.6
Mystate Ltd	320
Pure Foods Tas	9.7
Tasfoods Ltd	2.9
Venture Min	.8

OIL

Close	$US75.97

GOLD

Close	$US2,058.877

METALS

Silver	$US23.644	-0.116
Platinum	$US981.792	-5.458
Palladium	$US1,080.96	-17.531
Copper*	$US8,440.5	-23.42
Tin*	$US24,924	-251
Lead*	$US2,025.25	-9.25
Zinc*	$US2,600.5	-39.50
Nickel*	$US16,337	-38

INDUSTRIALS

Company	Last sale	Move	Year High	Year Low	Div Yld	P/E
A2 Milk Co.	4.16	-.08	7.14	3.70	-	21.7
AAC Ltd	1.40	+.02	1.90	1.145	-	-
[illegible]	3.17	+.06	3.65	2.64	-	13.7
Abacus Group Unified unit	1.11	-.005	2.40	.945	12.74u	39.1
Abacus Storage unit	1.07	-.035	1.415	.975	-	-
Accent Grp	1.915	-.04	2.62	1.51	8.95f	12.1
ADBRI Limited	3.00	-.02	3.04	1.525	-	18.9
AFIC Ltd	7.44	-	7.75	6.53	3.36f	29.6
AGL Energy Ltd	9.65	-.05	12.45	6.73	3.20u	-
AIA Ltd	7.89	-.26	8.50	6.70	.46u	30.2
Ainsworth Game	1.29	-.04	1.33	.87	-	44.3
Air NZ Ltd	.595	-.005	.715	.575	-	5.3
ALS Limited	12.68	-.22	13.48	10.52	3.02p	22.5
Altium Ltd	45.08	-1.36	49.41	34.11	1.16u	61.0
Amcor Ltd	14.28	+.12	17.78	13.345	5.24u	13.3
AMP Ltd	.925	-.005	1.37	.843	5.38p	14.0
Ampol Ltd	36.22	-.40	36.69	26.58	5.46f	43.9
Ansell Ltd	25.01	-.25	29.83	21.00	2.75u	14.2
ANZ prf	100.95	+.22	105.68	100.50	-	-
ANZ prf	102.73	+.24	105.00	96.99	-	-
ANZ prf	100.40	+.10	101.35	98.16	-	-
ANZ prf	100.38	+.08	103.50	97.751	-	-
ANZ prf	104.50	-	106.37	101.11	-	-
ANZ Banking	25.74	-.25	26.08	22.39	6.73p	10.9
APA Group stp	8.46	-.06	10.985	7.87	6.51u	38.2
Apm Human Services	1.235	-.025	2.64	1.08	-	10.7
ARB Corp	34.71	-1.25	36.58	25.54	1.72f	33.3
Arena REIT	3.63	-.06	3.96	3.12	4.63u	17.3
Argo	8.97	-.02	9.70	8.27	3.64f	24.9
Argo Lst Infr	2.07	+.01	2.43	1.90	4.13f	37.4
Aristocrat	40.50	-.45	43.09	30.36	1.56f	18.4
ASX Ltd	62.74	-.78	71.70	53.98	3.59f	38.7
Atlas Arteria	5.75	-.08	7.26	5.265	6.96u	26.6
AUB Group	27.04	-.36	31.70	22.05	2.34f	41.9
Audinate Group	15.70	-.47	16.50	7.08	-	117
Aurizon Hold	3.80	-.02	4.01	3.225	3.93p	25.4
Aussie Broadband	3.79	-.07	4.29	2.54	-	42.2
Aust Ethical	5.22	-.27	5.53	2.51	1.28f	93.2
Aust Fin Group	1.59	-.005	1.878	1.27	6.71f	11.5
Aust United	10.01	-.02	10.41	9.30	3.69f	22.4
Austal Limited	2.00	-.07	2.64	1.58	3.38u	-
Australian Clinical	2.93	-.02	3.87	2.47	-	16.4
Autosports Group	2.33	-.01	2.63	1.935	-	7.1
Bendigo Bank Ltd	9.59	-.11	10.20	8.24	6.26f	11.0
Bendigo Bank Ltd prf	103.85	+.10	108.94	99.81	-	-
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4 STORAGE DRAWERS

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2 STORAGE DRAWERS

GREAT PRICE

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4 STORAGE DRAWERS

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Talking Point

The hot topics that have Tasmanians talking

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value so it is reasonable that any fire property tax should consider the value of the buildings on properties. The value with land, however, should not be used as this unfairly penalises farmers and other large landowners.

Streamline anomalies: There are numerous ad hoc arrangements in current fire and emergency service funding.

Currently the Australian and Tasmanian government and airports do not pay a property levy.

Local government bodies, such as the City of Hobart, undertake and pay for fire management in bushland areas under their control, a cost that adds to calculated property levy associated with council rates.

The motor vehicle, insurance and property levies contribute to maritime firefighting, for instance if it was necessary to fight a fire on a vessel in the Port of Hobart.

Current bushfire mitigation programs are funded by bespoke, and likely once-off, funding from the Tasmanian government. The Australian government typical steps up to help cover the costs of major bushfire fighting campaigns.

These, and no doubt other, anomalies need sorting out as they cloud the actual cost of fire and emergency service provision.

Transparency of where the money goes: More transparent accounts of expenditure in various types of emergency responses compared to different mitigation activities in both the bushland and built environment will help the community understand where their money is being spent.

It is widely accepted that the current ratio of spending, in which far more money is spent on emergency response than mitigation, is inappropriate and is likely feeding a dangerous and unsustainable feedback cycle that is driving ballooning firefighting costs.

There are unrealistic community expectations that the fire service can endlessly provide high levels of firefighting capacity, such as firefighting aircraft, despite increasing fire risk associated with climate change and urban sprawl into fire prone landscapes.

Clear separation of expenditure on emergency response versus bushfire fuel management is an argument to administratively separating these tasks into distinct but interacting agencies i.e. emergency and fire service versus fuel management agencies. This could be like the way health department has separate administrative units for preventive (for example, public health) and emergency (hospitals for example) medicine.

With strong community support and serious engagement from all political parties there is a golden opportunity to put fire and emergency service funding in Tasmania on an even keel. The currently complex system for collecting fire levies must be reformed to make paying for a fire and emergency services fairer and easier to understand.

If this issue becomes a football used to score some political points, then a bad situation will become much worse.

Let's work together to find a fair, effective, and sustainable means to fund fire emergency service and bushfire fuel management.

Professor David Bowman is the director of the University of Tasmania's Fire Centre

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Balancing act as technology transforms

AI can be a highly useful tool in education, writes James Thorley

Since ChatGPT's launch in November 2022, Australian universities have been concerned about the potential for this highly accessible form of generative artificial intelligence to amplify cheating, with just as many optimistic about the opportunities it offers when used the right way.

Some students, on the other hand, have been spooked by AI writing detectors – worried they'll be falsely accused, with a handful already reporting their original work has been marked as plagiarism.

While higher education continues to grapple with what place ChatGPT should hold within the sector, it must also evaluate what AI detection is and should be.

As of July 2023, of the 65 million submissions processed through Turnitin for AI writing, 9.5 per cent featured over 20 per cent AI writing and 3.3 per cent contained between 80 and 100 per cent AI writing.

The data is no guide to misconduct or misuse of AI, as there could be many legitimate uses within those numbers, but it gives very interesting insight into usage patterns and, over time, will be able to highlight some key trends.

Likewise on an individual paper, AI detection should not be used as a sole indicator of cheating or AI misuse.

Instead, the job of AI detection is to give educators the information they need to investigate and work with students to determine the best next steps to optimise their learning and results. It is an 'assistant' to teachers to supplement existing methods for detecting plagiarism and unoriginal work (such as contract cheating).

James Thorley

The pandemic-forced attempt to 'lift and shift' education to the digital realm showed that technology shouldn't, and can't, work alone.

It remains, as it always was, critical for humans to play the leading role in education. In the context of managing generative AI, that means not only giving teachers tools to detect ChatGPT but investing in their digital upskilling so they can effectively use those capabilities alongside their existing skills.

Longer term, the important question is how academia adapts to the increasing presence of generative AI. Educators need to continue looking at improved ways to design assessments, whatever the format, to minimise opportunities for misconduct.

When used the right way, AI is one of the most powerful and transformative technologies available to us. A ban on generative AI will not only be ineffective from an academic integrity point of view, but could also be harmful to the progress which could be made.

James Thorley is regional vice president of APAC, Turnitin

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innovations ensure long-term quality and prosperity

response, contributing to improved fish welfare and minimising risks to fish health.

Overall, the combination of advanced feeding and camera technologies has elevated the Tasmanian salmon industry by promoting precision farming, sustainability, and the wellbeing of the aquatic environment.

Striking a balance between meeting consumer demand and preserving the delicate marine ecosystems we operate within is at the very heart of how the industry operates. We operate under some of the strictest regulatory and monitoring protocols for any industry in any jurisdiction in the country. The industry continues to reduce its environmental footprint with strategies that include waste management initiatives, energy usage, carbon reduction, and is investing in alternative feed sources that make use of byproduct from other farming sectors.

Right now, the industry is working with scientists on a major multi-million-dollar oxygenation project in Macquarie Harbour to further offset the impact of our activities in these waterways and help improve the natural environment for the endangered Maugean skate. I do not believe any other Tasmanian industry could, or would, move as quickly as we have in responding to an undeniable challenge in the environment we operate within.

The industry's commitment to quality assurance and food safety standards has been instrumental in gaining international recognition and consumer trust. Stringent regulations ensure that Tasmanian salmon meets or exceeds global standards, making it a sought-after product in local and international markets.

A salmon industry worker piloting a remote operated vehicle.

Additionally, community engagement and collaboration with environmental organisations have played a pivotal role in fostering positive relationships and addressing marine-based farming concerns. The industry's proactive approach to addressing environmental challenges and embracing transparency has not only safeguarded its reputation but also positioned Tasmanian salmon as a sustainable and responsible choice in the global seafood market.

The Tasmanian salmon industry's evolution over the past 30 years reflects a commitment to continual investment, innovation, sustainability, and responsible practices. Through technological advancements, environmental stewardship, and a dedication to quality, the industry has not only flourished but has set a benchmark for sustainable aquaculture worldwide.

Since I started in this role, and being a newcomer to the industry, I would have to say that what never fails to impress me is the amount of investment and how expertise, and experience from all around the world is guiding this industry into the future.

While the future might not involve the exact ideas Mr Beamish has proposed, we can expect that the teams of highly qualified scientists, engineers and industry experts are committed to continual innovation and investment, and that the future of Tasmanian salmon farming is bright.

Luke Martin is the chief executive of Salmon Tasmania

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Today, as Mars (the power planet) moves into earthy Capricorn, it gears up to create a talent triangle. This formation involves Mars and Jupiter working in harmony, encouraged by the cosmic teacher, Saturn. Together, they paint a picture of a growing confidence in our ability to turn ideas into progress. But we can't sit back and just hope for the best. The more enthusiasm we apply to our work, the better, and the faster the results of our efforts will be seen.

ARIES MAR 21–APR 20

There's no point in me telling you that today is the first day of the rest of your life. You're very familiar with the expression. You know that even though it might feel similar to yesterday (and tomorrow), it's not. Which emphasises the value of today's forecast. The new year is under way and your ruler, Mars, is playing a key role in the exciting cosmic outlook. You have the freedom to transform what you want in your world. Why not choose today to be the day to start turning your life into what you want it to be?

LEO JUL 24–AUG 23

Before you can set out on the high-seas adventure of 2024, you need to get some work done on your boat. For now, you're in a safe harbour getting on with some rather dull jobs. It's easy to think of other things to do (that would be much more fun), but the tasks you need to complete aren't as tedious as you think. Nor are they going to take long to finish. If you look towards the horizon, you'll get a feel for the opportunities ahead. Preparations you're doing now will enable you to sail out and seize them.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23–DEC 21

The start of 2024 is a bit like one of those complicated jigsaws. You don't seem to have an image of what it will look like once it's complete. In fact, you're not even sure you've got all the pieces. You're managing to fit some parts together, but they won't join up into a cohesive picture. It's frustrating. Yet with power planet Mars moving into earthy Capricorn, you'll find it easier to concentrate. If you stay motivated, you'll soon find a way to put everything together in a way that makes perfect sense.

TAURUS APR 21–MAY 21

Why do we think being stubborn is wrong? I think it's a quality that needs to be appreciated. So many people give up at the first obstacle, or change their minds at the drop of a hat. Thank goodness for Taureans. You're not afraid to stand up for your beliefs. Right now though, it's worth questioning if this could be a time when a compromise would be more effective. A small concession could have positive effects today (and if needed, you can always go back to your original stance).

VIRGO AUG 24–SEP 23

It's all a matter of perspective. Depending on how we feel, and what we want to see, we view the situations we're dealing with very differently. When we're optimistic, we can find silver linings, even in difficult scenarios. But when we're not, it's as if we're wearing dark shades, which give everything a gloomy look. Today, as dynamic Mars enters earthy Capricorn, it brings the energy to fan a glimmer of hope into a realistic aspiration. With just a simple change of attitude, you can take steps to make your future brighter.

CAPRICORN DEC 22–JAN 20

Dynamic Mars enters your sign today, and as 2024 progresses, you'll feel increasingly aware that the sky has your best interests at heart. The cosmic support you're receiving will be reflected by the opportunities coming your way. If you're not yet feeling galvanised into action, you don't have long to wait. Meanwhile, try focusing on the potential available to you today. Even if it doesn't feel like much, it hides a small treasure, and with the right attitude, you can encourage it to grow into something valuable.

GEMINI MAY 22–JUN 22

Questions always pop up at the start of a new year. What should you be doing with your life? What do you need to feel fulfilled and happy? These kinds of ponderings are tricky as they can throw us into a quagmire of self-doubt. Does anyone feel successful all the time? I doubt it. The best strategy to follow is to be confident that whatever you're doing right now, and wherever you're doing it, it's the right thing to be doing. With this attitude any doubts will disappear and you'll be on the path to progress.

LIBRA SEP 24–OCT 23

It's astonishing how we sometimes find ourselves doing the opposite of what we know we should do. We step on the brake (rather than the accelerator). Or we say no to something we ought to say yes to. It's easy, with hindsight, to see we'd have been better off following a different course. Yet looking back with regret is never helpful. If you want to maximise the opportunities 2024 brings your way, you just need to forgive yourself and move on. With a clear conscience, you'll be unstoppable.

AQUARIUS JAN 21–FEB 19

There's no denying the fact that you're moving into the future. The new year stretches ahead of you like a blank canvas of possibilities. I hope you're ready, because there's no going back. If you're regretting a recent choice which left you feeling uncomfortable, as you move deeper into the new year you'll grow more at ease with it. Deep down, you're growing more confident you're on the right track. Today, as Mars moves into your neighbouring sign, even tentative steps forwards will take you further than you think.

CANCER JUN 23–JUL 23

You don't usually struggle to articulate your ideas. So, to find yourself unable to say what's in your heart is making you uneasy. You're worried that if you speak out, you'll cause an upset. You're probably right, yet your instincts are spot on and you're right to think something needs to be discussed. Be as diplomatic as you can be today (but don't be afraid to be bold). You've got the insight and skills to be able to talk about the elephant in the room. Once it's in the open, everyone will be relieved, and able to move on.

SCORPIO OCT 24–NOV 22

How badly do you want what you want? Hmm... Instead of how badly, maybe we should use more positive language. How deeply maybe? What's important, is that you remember you don't need to focus on one thing to the detriment of everything else. The start of 2024 is about aspiring to achieve your deepest desire. You need to be dedicated (even when the road ahead isn't smooth), but stay open-minded enough to be able to adapt your approach. The cosmos helps you find the right balance today.

PISCES FEB 20–MAR 20

We talk about there being no time like the present. But it's hard to pinpoint when the present actually is. It was certainly a different present when the saying originated more than 450 years ago! Maybe you're better off going along with whatever 2024 brings your way, and trust that you'll recognise the time to instigate change when it appears? On second thoughts, don't do that. If you're meant to wait, the cosmos will create distractions, but if there are none of those around today, seize the moment.

JUMBO CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Guide (5)
4 Home turf (8,6)
11 Mental representation (5)
14 Deadly (5)
15 Opening (11)
16 Contrary (8)
19 Provide with nourishment (7)
20 Identify (5)
21 Excite pleasurably (9)
24 Immunise (9)
26 Rough drawing (6)
27 Suave (6)
31 Paris railway (5)
32 Sunroom (8)
34 Surgical procedures (10)
38 Goes up (7)
39 Stringed instrument (6)
40 Banished (6)
41 Passport endorsement (4)
42 Long eventful journey (7)
45 Stand-in (10)
50 Fish, shellfish etc (7)
54 Off (4)
55 Dives (6)
56 Pointers (6)
57 Crane (7)
60 Soured, resentful (10)
61 Cherish (8)
62 Rope ring (5)
65 Wipe off (6)
66 American railway freight wagon (6)
67 Disbelieving (9)
72 Sealed transparent container for plants (9)
73 Cultivates (5)
74 Freewheeled (7)
79 Maritime (8)
80 Oil country (5,6)
81 System of beliefs (5)
82 Influenced decisively (5)
83 Slave-driver (4,10)
84 Electric discharge (5)

DOWN

2 Beverage holder (6)
3 Strictly correct (5)
5 Kind (4)
6 Illuminated at night (7)
7 Whole (6)
8 Saucer-like bell (4)
9 Shopkeeper (8)
10 Resides (6)
11 Long-standing, established (10)
12 Unit of area (4)
13 Raise (7)
17 Fall headlong (5)
18 Field of study (10)
22 Eavesdropper (5)
23 Golden-coloured horse (8)
25 Stuffy (7)
26 Japanese warrior (7)
28 Discontinued (6)
29 Gun-aiming aids (6)
30 Propagates (6)
33 Farewell (5)
35 Defensive effort (5)
36 Inactive (4)
37 South American country (4)
42 Speech-make (5)
43 Annual (8)
44 Showed tiredness (6)
45 Sports ground display (10)
46 Low singing voice (4)
47 Farm vehicle (7)
48 Objective (6)
49 Settlements (5)
51 Pitcher (4)
52 Recipe (7)
53 Exotic flower (6)
58 Astonishing (10)
59 Burst (5)
63 Tenant (8)
64 Fairway turf piece (5)
65 Nest egg (7)
68 Circle-drawing instrument (7)
69 Sermonise (6)
70 Fire-bomb liquid (6)
71 Thin covering (6)
75 Undress (5)
76 Dancer's skirt (4)
77 Says further (4)
78 Pleasant (4)

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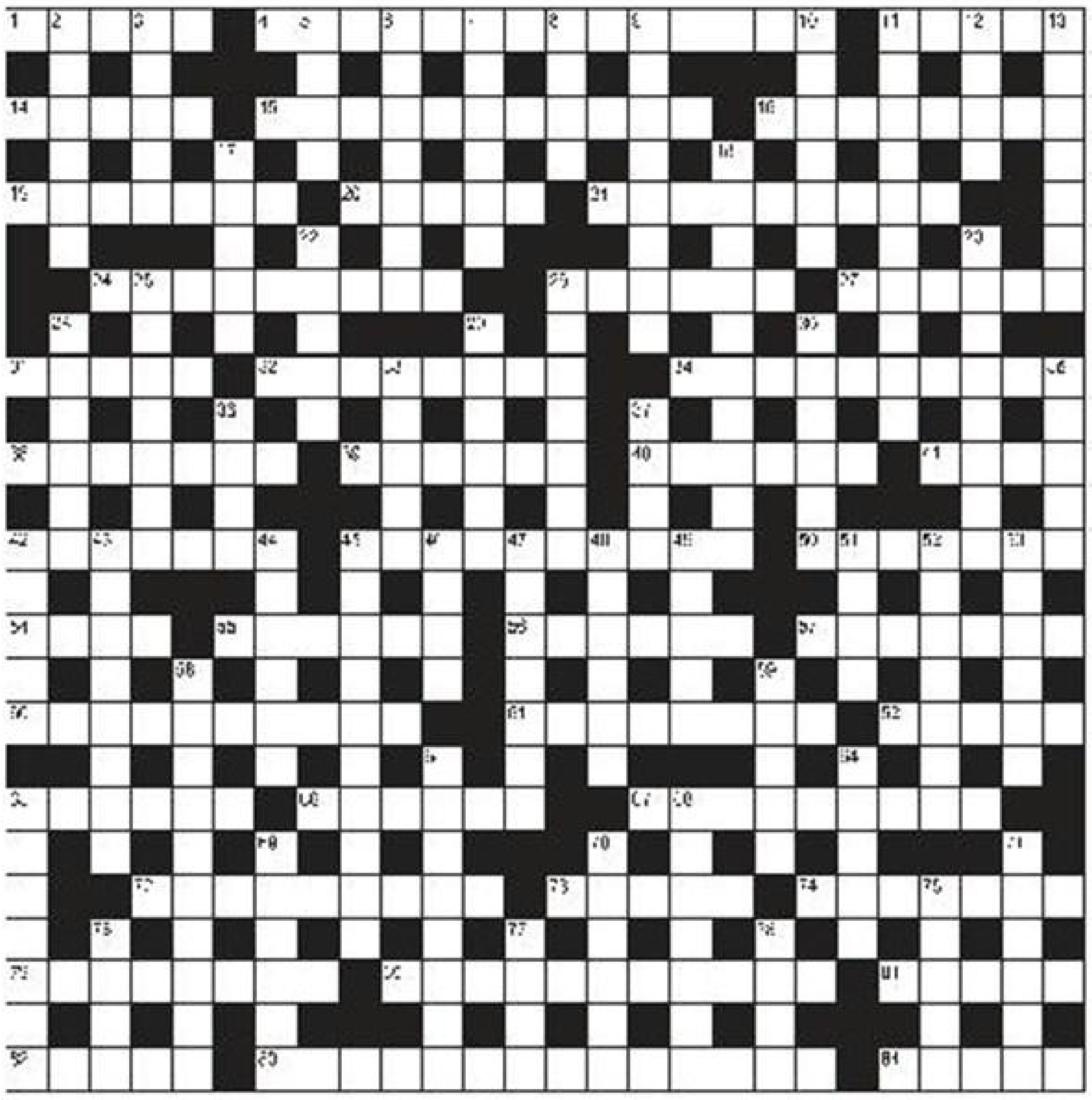


WORDFILL Fit the words into the grid to create a finished crossword

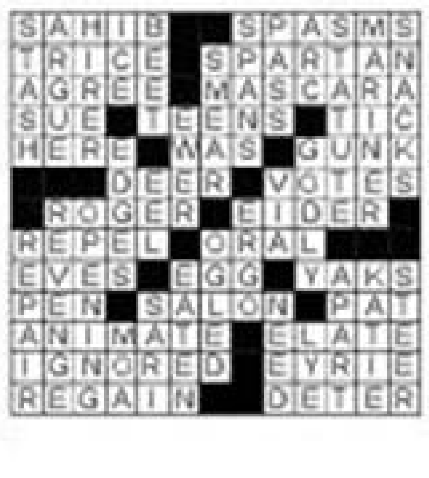
3 LETTERS
AIR
AWL
BAA
CAP
EGO
INN
LAP
LAY
NUT
OIL
PLY
WAN

4 LETTERS
AGAR
ARIA
BLED
CATS
DENT
EMIR
EVEN
EVES
GAVE
HOUR
LAME
LEVY
MAMA
MASH
MASS
MEMO
MIEN
MOWS
NAVE
NETS
NINE
NOVA
ONUS
ORAL
RACY
ROLE
ROOT
SAIL
SENT
TEST
ULNA
WISP

5 LETTERS
DEMON
DEPOT
OREAD
SEDAN
TUTUS
YODEL

6 LETTERS
ALPACA
CYGNET
LAGGED
SAHARA

8 LETTERS
ABATTOIR
BLEACHED
COALMINE
DEMOCRAT
EPIPHANY
MARATHON
NAMELESS
ROSEMARY



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T	R	I	C	E	■	S	P	A	R	T	A	N
A	G	R	E	E	■	M	A	S	C	A	R	A
S	U	E	■	T	E	E	N	S	■	T	I	C
H	E	R	E	■	W	A	S	■	G	U	N	K
■	■	■	D	E	E	R	■	V	O	T	E	S
■	R	O	G	E	R	■	E	I	D	E	R	■
R	E	P	E	L	■	O	R	A	L	■	■	■
E	V	E	S	■	E	G	G	■	Y	A	K	S
P	E	N	■	S	A	L	O	N	■	P	A	T
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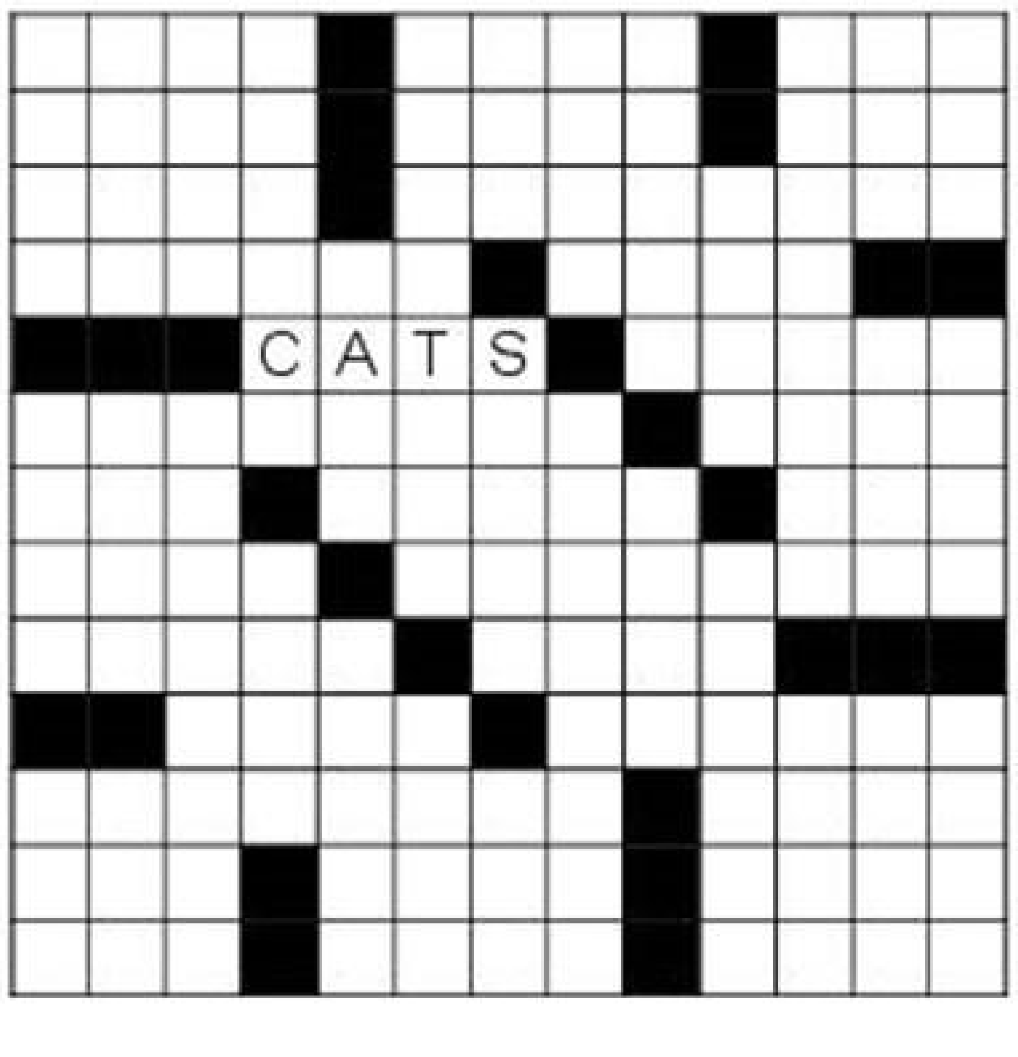
Yesterday's solution

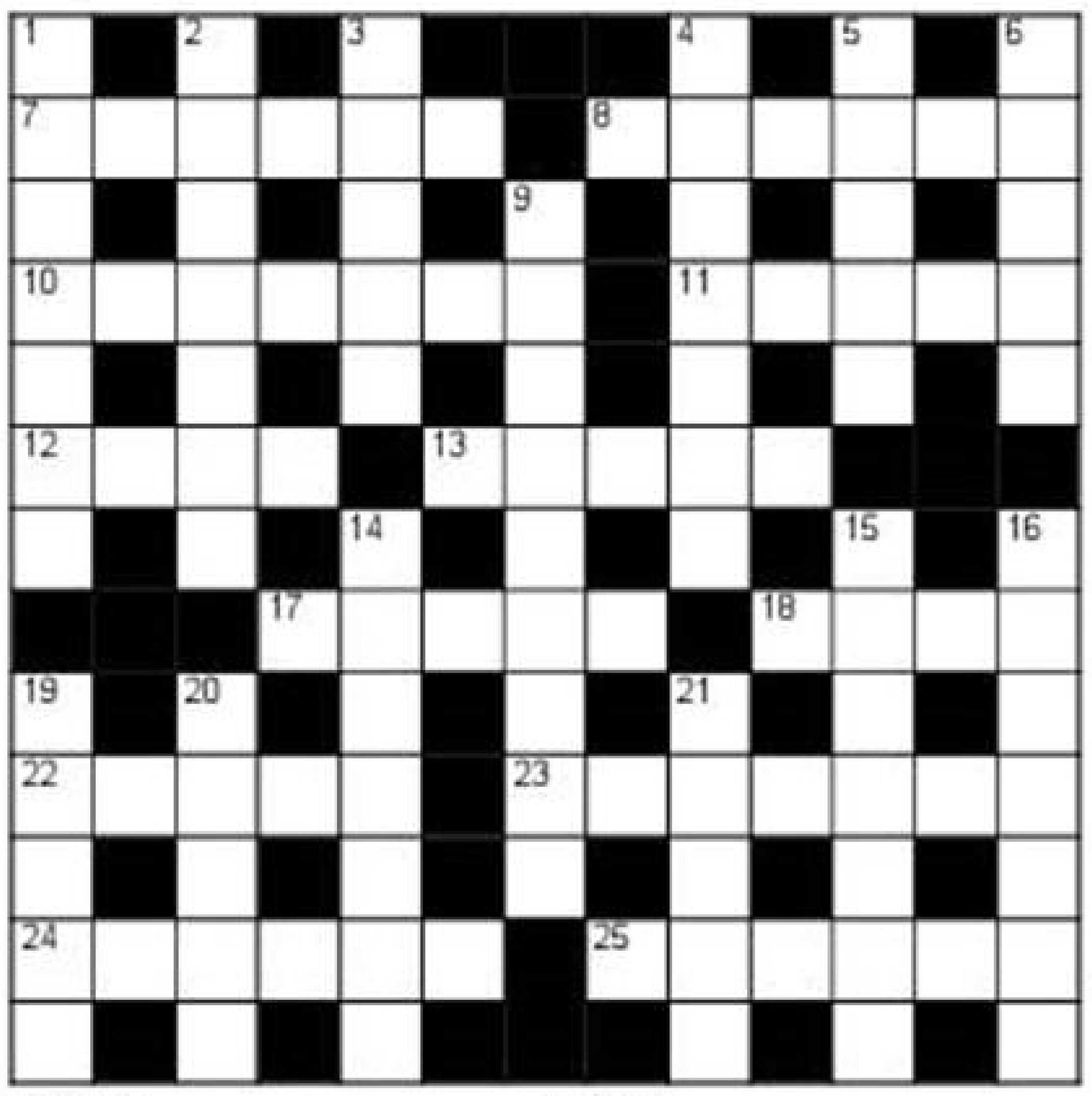


Yesterday

ACROSS: 1 Cavalry, 4 Talk turkey, 9 Cabaret, 13 Upon, 14 Tamed, 15 Inlaid, 16 Rectify, 19 Eyewitness, 20 Outdated, 21 Coach, 24 Backer, 25 Steady, 27 Apologise, 32 Assassin, 33 Spread, 34 Bicycle, 38 Anaconda, 39 Oldest, 40 Eyes, 41 Auger, 42 Tits, 45 The happy couple, 52 Agate, 55 Scent, 56 Peer, 57 Palace, 58 Problems, 61 Starred, 62 Models, 63 Sorcerer, 66 Greyhound, 68 Hooves, 69 Silage, 73 Shaft, 74 Progress, 76 Adroitness, 81 Obesity, 82 Safari, 83 Attain, 84 Pair, 85 Failure, 86 Underneath, 87 Robbery.

DOWN: 1 Crude, 2 Violence, 3 Yearns, 4 Tunes, 5 Lids, 6 Trilogy, 7 Relate, 8 Erica, 10 Axes, 11 Actions, 12 Effect, 17 Dimensions, 18 Feels, 22 Magnolia, 23 Again, 24 Blatant, 26 Test, 28 Plateau, 29 Bandit, 30 Arctic, 31 Client, 33 Sheep, 35 Young, 36 Hall, 37 Well, 43 Incite, 44 Tenor, 46 Heed, 47 Harpoon, 48 Pepper, 49 Yolks, 50 Occasion, 51 Earned, 52 Abbreviate, 53 Aped, 54 Essence, 59 Kenya, 60 Free, 64 Board, 65 Namesake, 67 Refusal, 68 Hessian, 70 Phobia, 71 Debate, 72 Copier, 75 Grain, 77 Ditch, 78 Spray, 79 Stir, 80 Saga.

13x13 QUICK



Across
7. Rescind (6)
8. Boat dock (6)
10. Genuine (7)
11. Church payment (5)
12. Loan (4)
13. Repaired (5)
17. Place of safety (5)
18. Weathercock (4)
22. Wanders (5)
23. Admit to wrongdoing (7)
24. Metal pin (6)
25. Quagmire (6)

Down
1. Grapple (7)
2. Aperture (7)
3. Enthusiastic (5)
4. Poisonous snake (7)
5. Humorous (5)
6. Weary (5)
9. Reserve, taciturnity (9)
14. Wailing spirit (7)
15. Sideways (7)
16. Persevere (7)
19. Energetic, lively (5)
20. Renowned (5)
21. Irritate (5)

Yesterday
Across: 6. Janitor 7. Inter 9. Led 10. Vehemence 12. Double-edged 15. Non-existent 17. Skew-whiff 19. Can 21. Puree 22. Cadaver.
Down: 1. Matey 2. Aid 3. Role 4. Unbending 5. Teacher 8. Repeat 11. Go-between 13. Blithe 14. Lookout 16. Cagey 18. Feat 20. Bad.

5x5

	L		N	
A		R		L
	N		M	
E		S		D
	R		S	

Insert the missing letters to make five words reading across and five reading down.

Yesterday

S	C	A	L	P
P	A	T	E	R
A	B	O	D	E
R	I	N	G	S
K	N	E	E	S

Note: more than one solution may be possible

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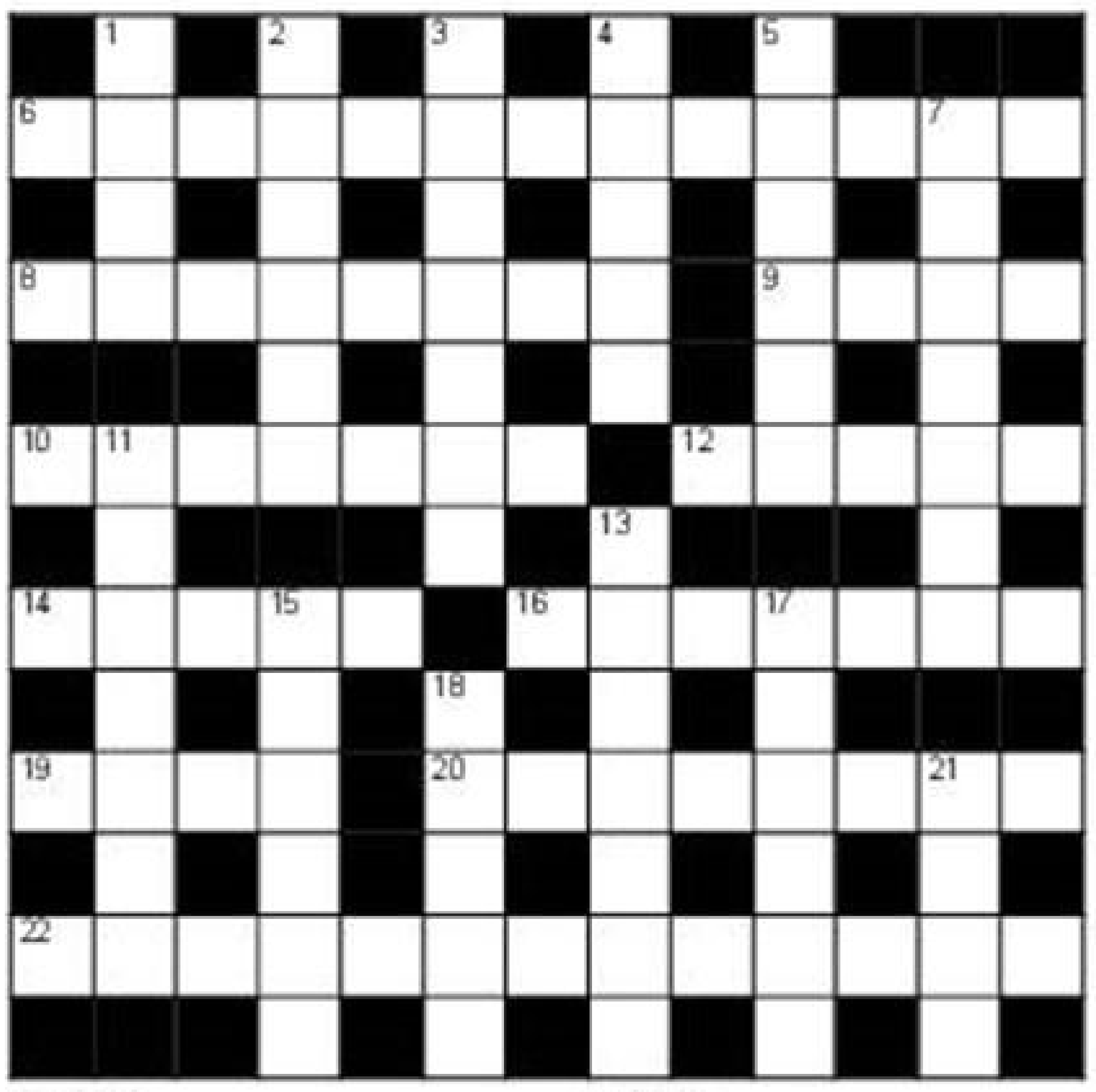

Across
6. Decorating the dining room furniture in the bedroom (8-5)
8. Sounds like the social media people are for the birds (8)
9. If it is given, a lot more is taken (4)
10. Suffocate Bob's parent (7)
12. Spurious way to treat urbanologist not on trial (5)
14. Muck out rooms Los Hermanos can provide (5)
16. Amazon and asters, Nile and nasturtiums e.g. (7)
19. Sidle like 9ac (4)
20. Reading matter found in the arsenal (8)
22. He will really get stuck into his occupation (13)

Down
1. Second tier could be high on the hill (4)
2. Agree to climb, we hear (6)
3. Result of a food fight when drunk? (3-4)
4. Rent land out with some Sarcophagi stands (5)
5. Coins a changeable item in this place (6)
7. Blats out racquet balls with varnish (7)
11. 1000 docile but tuneful if stirred up (7)
13. There is a glow in by the Londoner's native land (7)
15. Some polyp eels turn up with, makes them tired ... (6)
17. ... and ready for a spell or two (6)
18. Staff in short commercial change (5)
21. Winning margin could smell a rat (4)

Yesterday
Across: 1. Clothes pegs, 9. Exterminating, 10. Hex, 11. Fidgeter, 14. Cayman, 15. Vestal, 18. Document, 20. I Do, 23. Tear strips off, 24. Cranberries.
Down: 2. Lottery, 3. Turk, 4. Elixir, 5. Playgoer, 6. Grist, 7. Get, 8. Eggroll, 12. Acidity, 13. Parmesan, 16. Tadpole, 17. Unfree, 19. Chair, 21. Spur, 22. Off.

CLUELESS CROSSWORD

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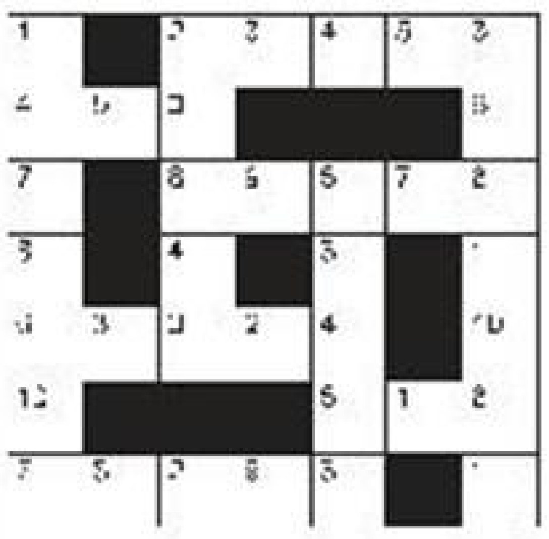
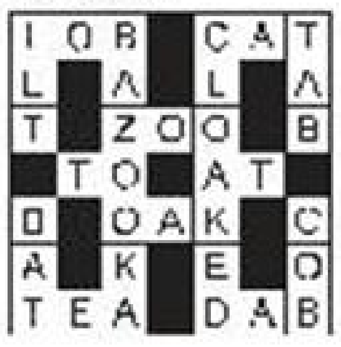


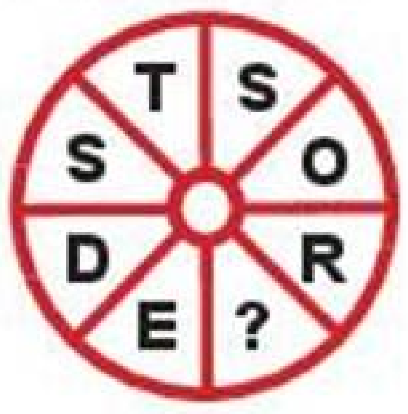
3 = N

Numbers have been substituted for letters. Use the letter(s) given to work out the rest of the puzzle.

Yesterday



WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to make an eight-letter word reading either clockwise or anticlockwise.

Yesterday: PERMEATE

Vocabularian

Choose the correct definition

Pedagogue
a) Teacher
b) Giant statue
c) Dictator

Soubriquet
a) Small sum of money
b) Nickname
c) Insult

Yesterday
Gouache: watercolour
Barrique: wine barrel

TARGET

T	H	I
E	Y	A
L	C	L

How many words of four letters or more can you make? Each letter must be used only once and all words must contain the centre letter. There is at least one nine-letter word. No words starting with a capital are allowed, no plurals ending in s unless the word is also a verb, e.g. he burns with anger. Good 10 Very Good 15 Excellent 21+

Yesterday: cent cert cite citer citizen CITIZENRY citrine cretin entry icier incite inciter inert inter irenic nice nicer nicety nitre recti rein rent rice rite tern tier tine tinier tire trey trice trine tyre yeti

SUDOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and each 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

1	8						9	
	6							
			2	1	7		4	6
	1			7			2	9
			4		8			
9	5			3			8	
5	7		6	2	1			
							6	
	2						1	7

EASY

	6			9		3		5
	9			3		4	7	
			5		2			
	5			6		7		
		8				9		
		7		4			2	
			4		3			
	7	5		2			4	
9		4		5			3	

MEDIUM

				7	8		5	
						4		3
	5	6		2	3			
	8							2
		9	7	6	2	1		
7							3	
			3	4		9	7	
9		8						
	1		9	8				

HARD

Yesterday's sudoku solutions

2	5	3	9	8	1	4	7	6
1	4	6	3	7	5	9	8	2
8	9	7	2	4	6	3	1	5
4	3	5	8	2	7	1	6	9
7	8	1	6	9	3	2	5	4
9	6	2	5	1	4	7	3	8
5	7	9	1	6	2	8	4	3
6	2	4	7	3	8	5	9	1
3	1	8	4	5	9	6	2	7

EASY

6	4	9	5	1	7	8	2	3
3	1	2	8	4	6	5	7	9
7	5	8	3	2	9	6	4	1
2	6	5	1	7	8	3	9	4
4	9	3	2	6	5	1	8	7
8	7	1	4	9	3	2	6	5
9	3	7	6	8	1	4	5	2
1	2	6	9	5	4	7	3	8
5	8	4	7	3	2	9	1	6

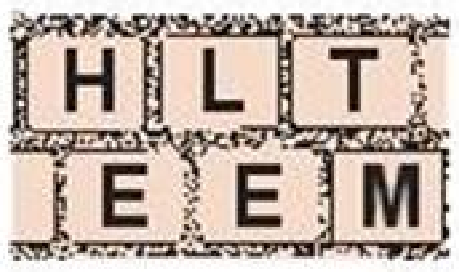
MEDIUM

9	8	2	1	3	6	5	7	4
4	7	3	8	5	9	1	2	6
5	1	6	7	4	2	3	9	8
8	2	4	5	1	3	7	6	9
7	3	1	6	9	8	2	4	5
6	9	5	2	7	4	8	1	3
2	5	9	3	6	1	4	8	7
3	4	8	9	2	7	6	5	1
1	6	7	4	8	5	9	3	2

HARD

Yesterday's WordBuilder solution
Aft, ant, aunt, fan, fat, fault, faun, flan, flat, FLAUNT, flu, fun, lat, nut, tan, tau, tufa, tun, tuna, ulna.

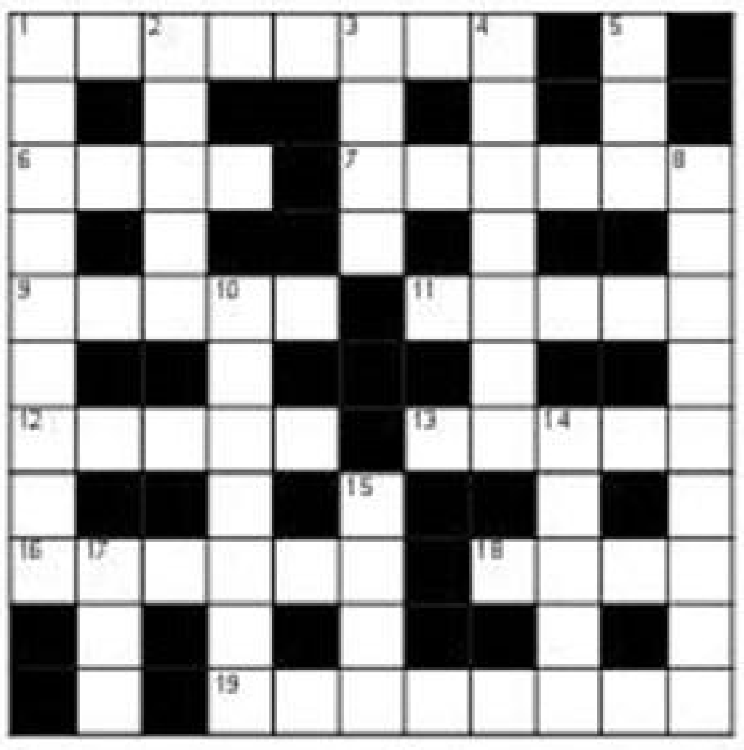
WORDBUILDER



How many words of three or more letters, including plurals, can you make from the six letters, using each only once?
No words beginning with a capital are allowed. There's at least one six-letter word.
Good 11 Very Good 15 Excellent 19

Yesterday's 11x11 quick
Across: 6. Fumigating, 8. Trend, 10. Abode, 13. Absenteeism, 14. Faded, 17. Shown, 19. Substitute.
Down: 1. Luge, 2. Mind, 3. Lava, 4. Silo, 5. Agreement, 7. Steadfast, 9. Niece, 11. Beech, 12. Ate, 15. Debt, 16. Date, 17. Sate, 18. Oats.

11x11 QUICK

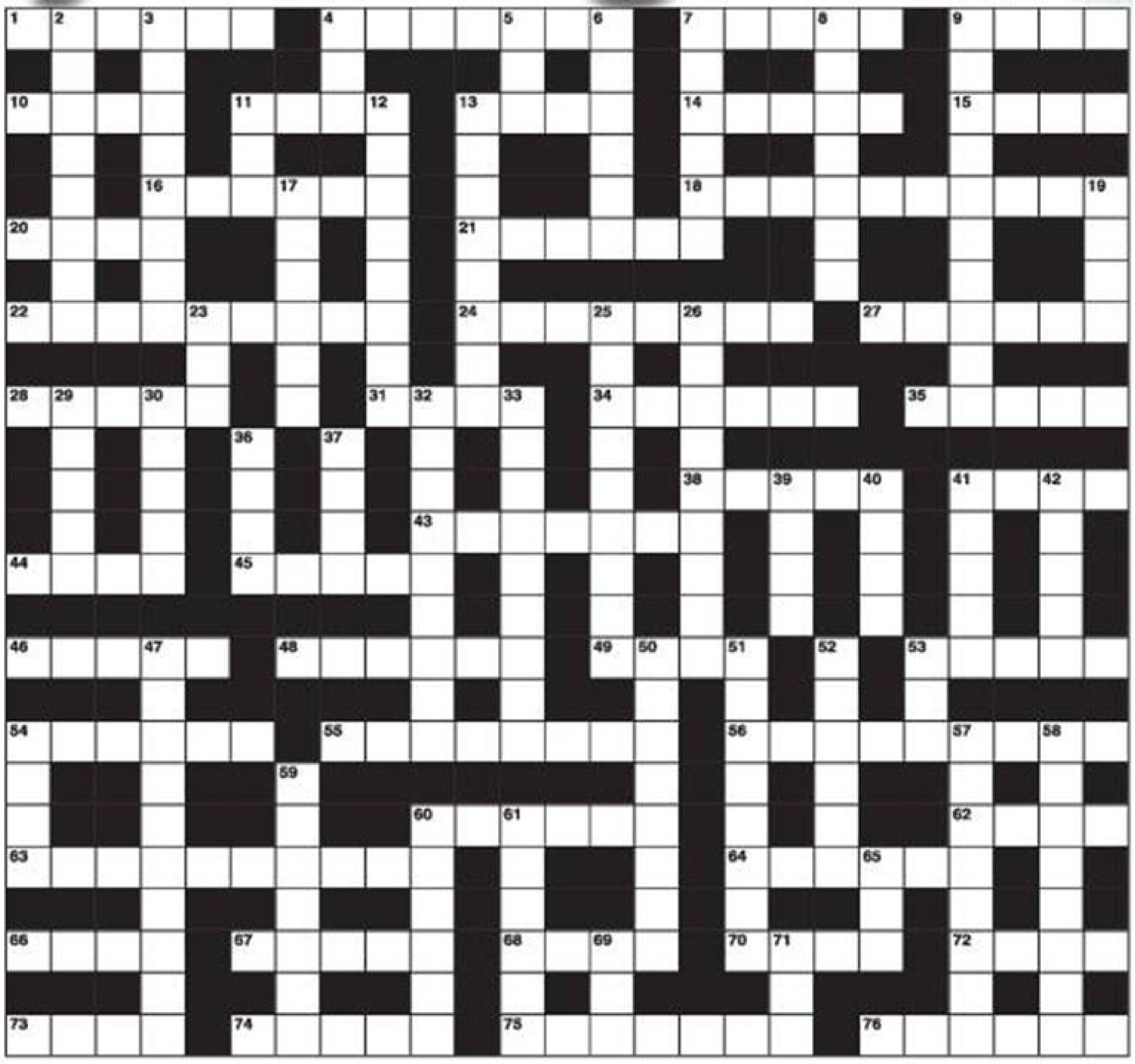


Across
1. Withered, reduced in size (8)
6. Probability (4)
7. Military pageant (6)
9. Last (5)
11. Mark on cattle (5)
12. Warn (5)
13. Undecorated (5)
16. Hire (6)
18. Knock senseless (4)
19. Trounces (anag) (8)

Down
1. Winter crystal (9)
2. French sculptor (5)
3. Flying device (4)
4. Without affectation (7)
5. Muck (3)
8. Authoritative order (9)
10. Paint type (7)
14. In search of (5)
15. Church song (4)
17. Encountered (3)

holiday challenge

GIANT CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Highest point reached by a star (6)
4 Displaying exaggerated self-importance (7)
7 Whitish (5)
9 Hairless (4)
10 Flat plate (4)
11 Loving (4)
13 Hire (4)
14 Lizard (5)
15 Graceful bird (4)
16 Crouches (6)
18 Fruit (10)
20 Asian yam (4)
21 Pressing (6)
22 Journal (9)
24 Fourth working day (8)
27 Gloss applied to surfaces for protection (6)
28 Grab (5)
31 Snakelike fish (pl) (4)
34 Sauté chef's specialties (6)
35 Tactless (5)
38 Sweet sticky liquid (5)
41 Blubber (4)
43 Accurate (7)
44 Hire-car (4)
45 Exertion (5)
46 Punctuation mark (5)
48 A popular edible nut-like kernel (6)
49 Coupler (4)
53 Mushrooms (5)
54 Puzzle of interlocking pieces (6)
55 Typographical error (8)
56 Skilled and respected political figure (9)
60 Woody tropical grass (6)
62 Annoys (4)
63 Graphic design professional (10)
64 Dam builder (6)
66 Molten rock (4)
67 Passed (5)
68 Fork spike (4)
70 Muslim prince (4)
72 Eye part (4)
73 Blemishes (4)
74 Source of cooking oil (5)
75 Revoke (7)
76 Rue (6)

DOWN

2 Move to another land (8)
3 Teeth adapted for cutting (8)
4 Play on words (3)
5 Poem (3)
6 Literary ridicule (6)
7 Maintain (6)
8 Plunder (7)
9 Court game (10)
11 Common viral infection (3)
12 Differ (8)
13 Counterargument (8)
17 Axilla (6)
19 Shout (4)
23 Small hard seed (3)
25 Edible fruit (9)
26 Percussionist's tool (9)
29 Steam room (5)
30 Jewish spiritual leader (5)
32 Negatively charged particles (9)
33 Yield (9)
36 Pivotal point (4)
37 Inherited character unit (4)
39 Abounding (4)
40 Chess piece (4)
41 Marshy outlet (US) (5)
42 Incorrect (5)
47 Pretence (10)
50 Outside toilet (8)
51 Musical group playing together (8)
52 Groups of rhymed lines (6)
53 Nemesis (3)
54 Quip (4)
57 Protective and decorative board (8)
58 Having a pH greater than 7 (8)
59 Small shoulder-bag (7)
60 Casual search (6)
61 Vessel in which to grind spices (6)
65 Magnetic tape recorder (1,1,1)
69 Egg of louse (3)
71 Intersected (3)

HARD SUDOKU

2	4		8					6
		7			2			
	1		7					
	9		5		8			3
8	3			4			1	9
5			9		1		2	
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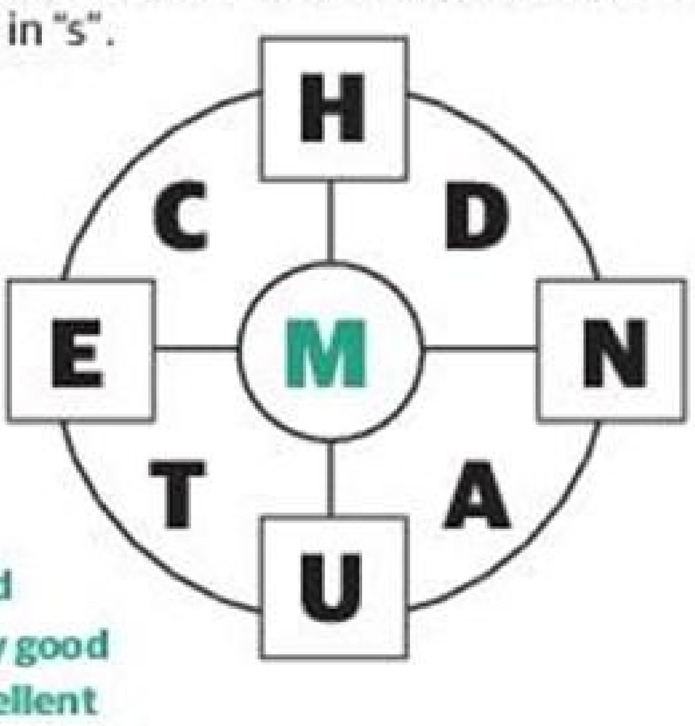
9-LETTER WORD

Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included, and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".



21 words: Good
32 words: Very good
43 words: Excellent

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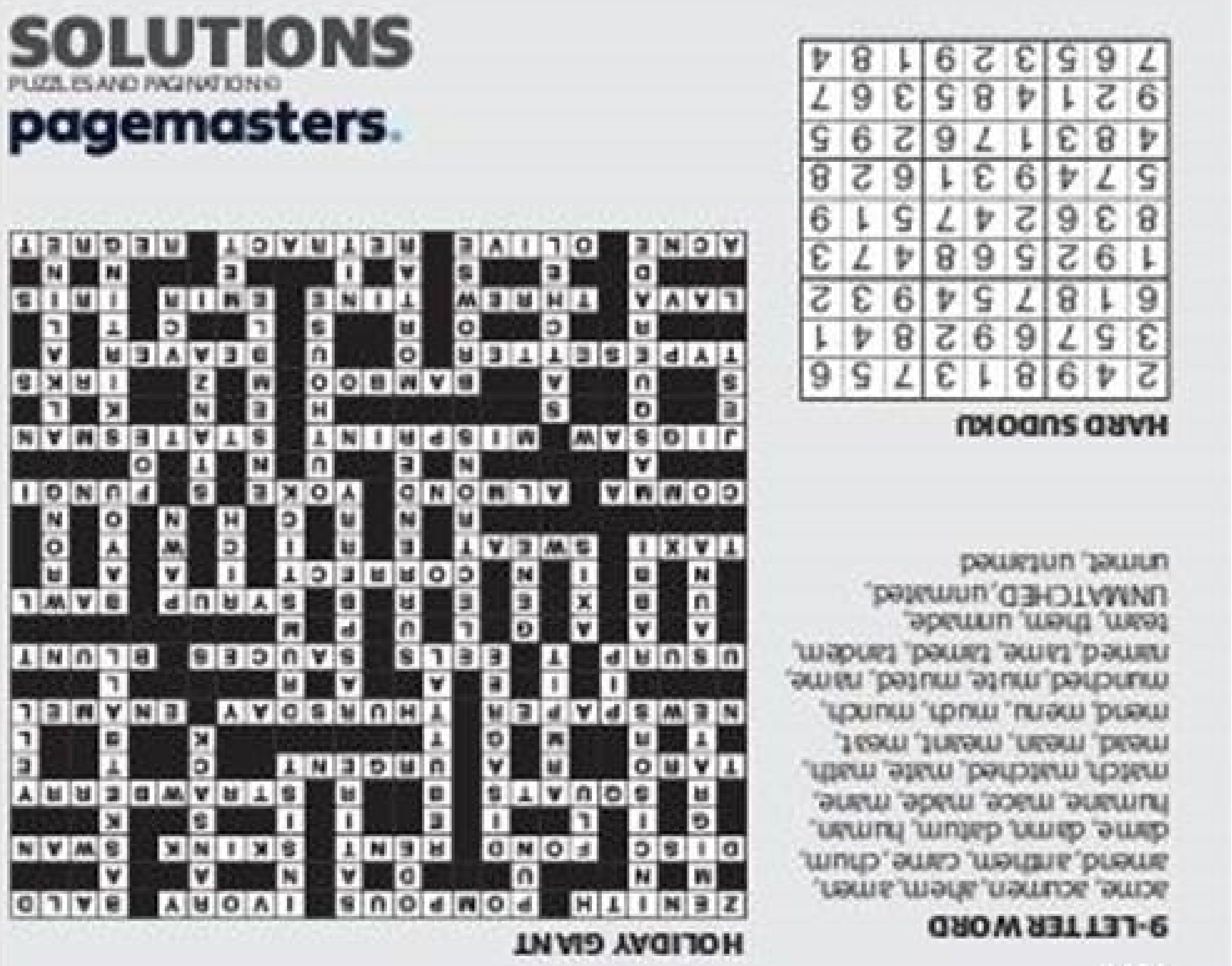

0401

QUIZ

1. How many hours was the longest tennis match ever recorded, between John Isner and Nicolas Mahut?
2. In which year did Julia Gillard (pictured) end her time as prime minister of Australia?
3. What is the full name of Tom Cruise's character in the Top Gun movies?
4. Who formed the band The Quarrymen in 1956?
5. Which TV show in 2002 was the first to use Google as a verb?
6. What was the name given to female gladiators in Ancient Rome?
7. In their lifetime, an average person walks the equivalent of how many times around the Earth?
8. In the earliest version of the story, Aladdin was what nationality?
9. True or false: Abraham Lincoln only lost one wrestling match out of approximately 300?
10. Where is a shrimp's heart located in its body?

WORDSTEP

P L A N T

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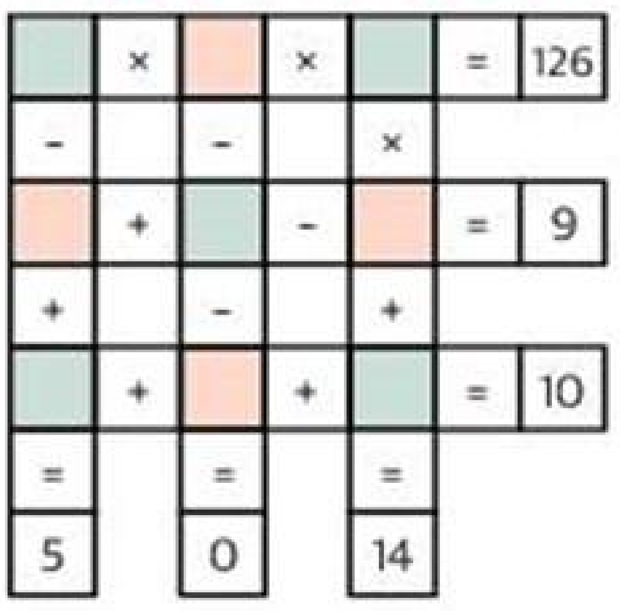
S K I T E

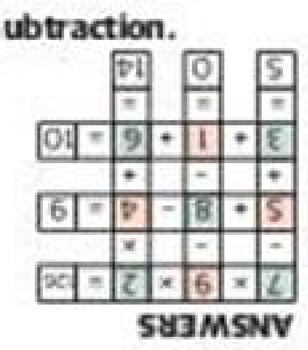
Complete the list by changing one letter at a time to create a new word at each step.

There may be more than one possible word step answer.

CROSS MATHS



Insert each number from 1 to 9 in the shaded squares to solve all the horizontal and vertical equations. **Multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.**



holiday challenge

WORDFILL

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3 LETTERS

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4 LETTERS

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SARA

5 LETTERS

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PLEAD
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SIGMA
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SYNOD
TENET
TRIED
UNION
UTTER

6 LETTERS

DERAIL
ENCAMP
HERNIA
INSIDE

7 LETTERS

GALLANT
HINTING
MAGENTA
MARKING
ROLLING
TOPSPIN

8 LETTERS

DETAILED
DOORSTOP
ORIENTED
PALATIAL

CODEWORD

Each number corresponds to a letter. Can you crack the code?

19	21	2	21	B	21	7	10	7	■	M	22	B
4	■	18	■	10	■	8	■	5	■	21	■	21
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WORD FIND

The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.

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L	O	C	O	M	O	T	I	V	E	C
T	F	A	R	C	R	E	V	O	H	Y
A	E	R	O	P	L	A	N	E	E	C
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C	A	B	L	E	C	A	R	T	O	E
E	N	I	R	A	M	B	U	S	G	O

Secret message: ____________________

AEROPLANE
BARGE
BICYCLE
BLIMP
CABLECAR
HOVERCRAFT
LOCOMOTIVE
MONORAIL
MOTORCYCLE
SAILBOAT
STEAMBOAT
SUBMARINE

SOLUTIONS

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WORDFILL

P	L	U	S	H	■	M	A	H	D	I	■	M	A	I	L	S
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CODEWORD

1 J	2 T	3 R	4 I	5 N	6 W	7 S	8 Y	9 G	10 E	11 Q	12 P	13 F
14 U	15 C	16 L	17 K	18 H	19 D	20 X	21 A	22 O	23 V	24 Z	25 M	26 B

WORDFIND

Secret message: Getting where you need to go

0401

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW... LISA KUDROW

1. Lisa Kudrow made an early screen appearance in which sitcom?
A. *Family Ties*
B. *ALF*
C. *Married... With Children*
D. *Cheers*

2. What language does Kudrow speak fluently?
A. Italian
B. Spanish
C. French
D. German

3. Kudrow was cast but then replaced before the pilot of which long-running series?
A. *Seinfeld*
B. *Frasier*
C. *Home Improvement*
D. *The Nanny*

4. Which series did Kudrow win an Emmy Award for?
A. *Who Do You Think You Are?*
B. *Web Therapy*
C. *The Comeback*
D. *Friends*

5. What breed is Honey, the dog she voices in Paramount+ animated series *House Broken*?
A. Poodle
B. Chihuahua
C. Shih Tzu
D. Schnauzer

ANSWERS: 1D, 2C, 3B, 4D, 5A

4x4

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ACROSS
1 Horned animal
5 Skilful
6 Fail
7 Long period of time

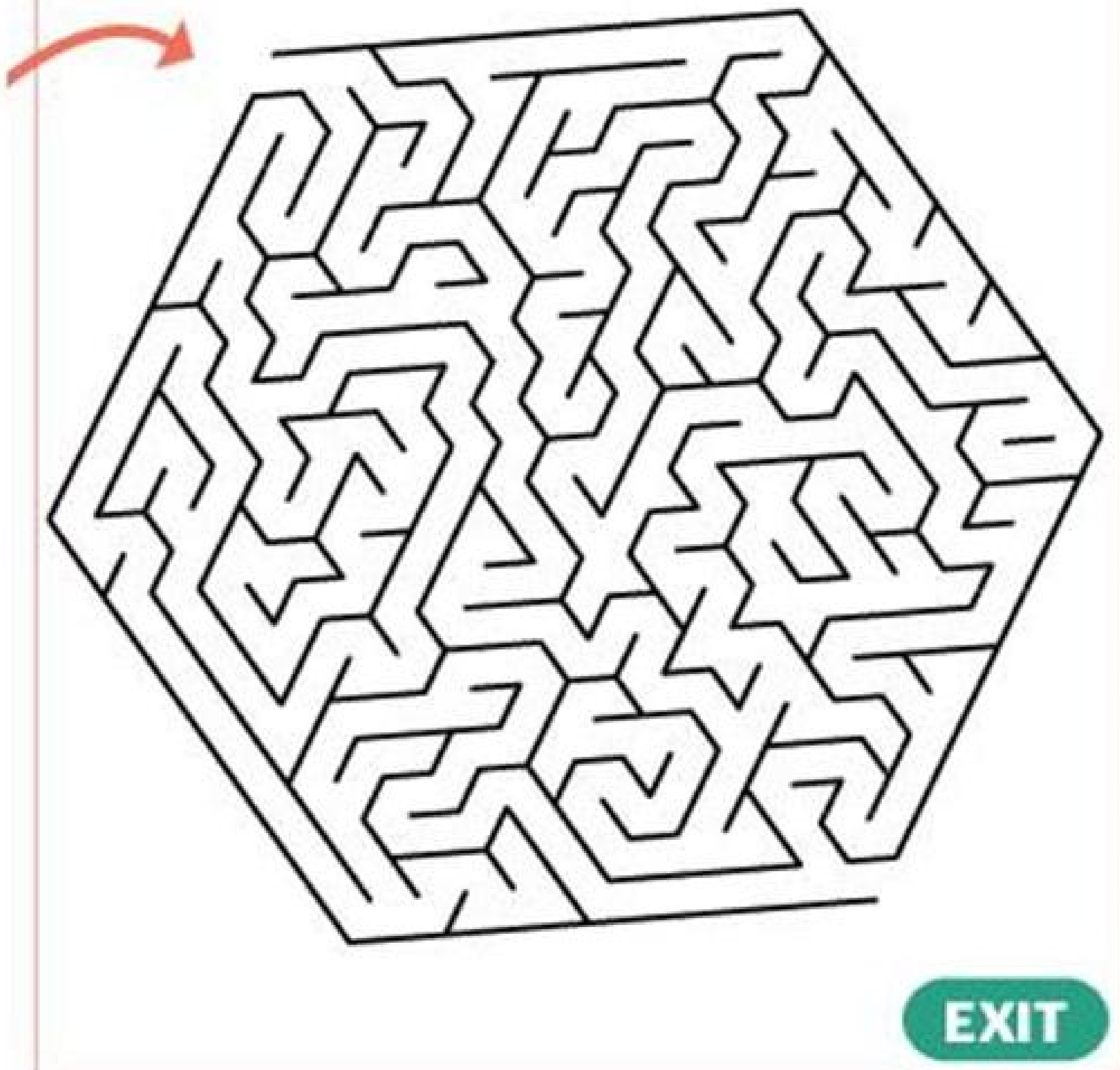
DOWN
1 Celebration
2 Musical instrument
3 As well
4 Youth

ANSWERS: ACROSS: 1. Goat, 5. Able, 6. Lose, 7. Aeon. DOWN: 1. Gala, 2. Oboe, 3. Also, 4. Teen.

kids activity corner

maze

Can you find your way through the maze?



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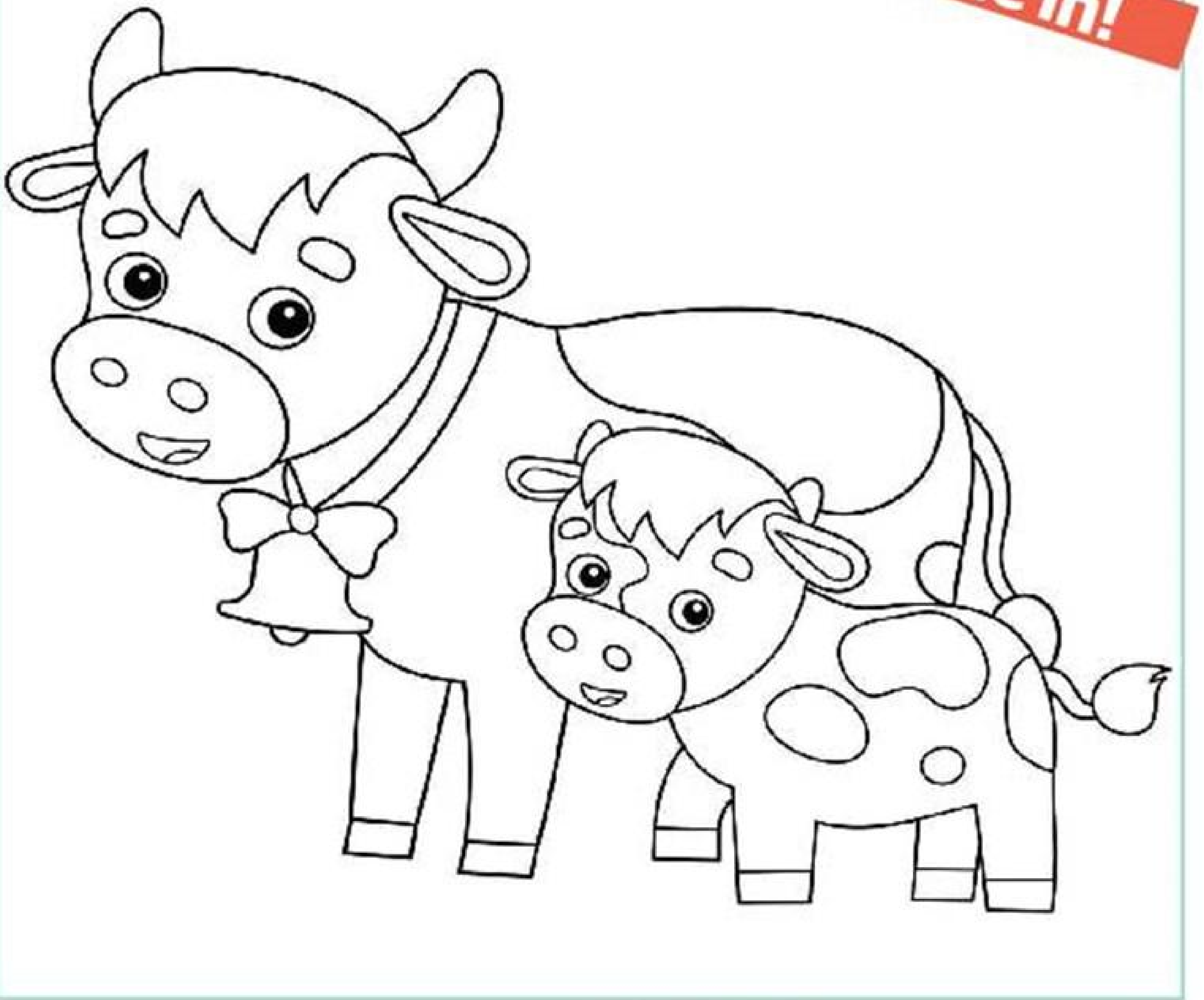

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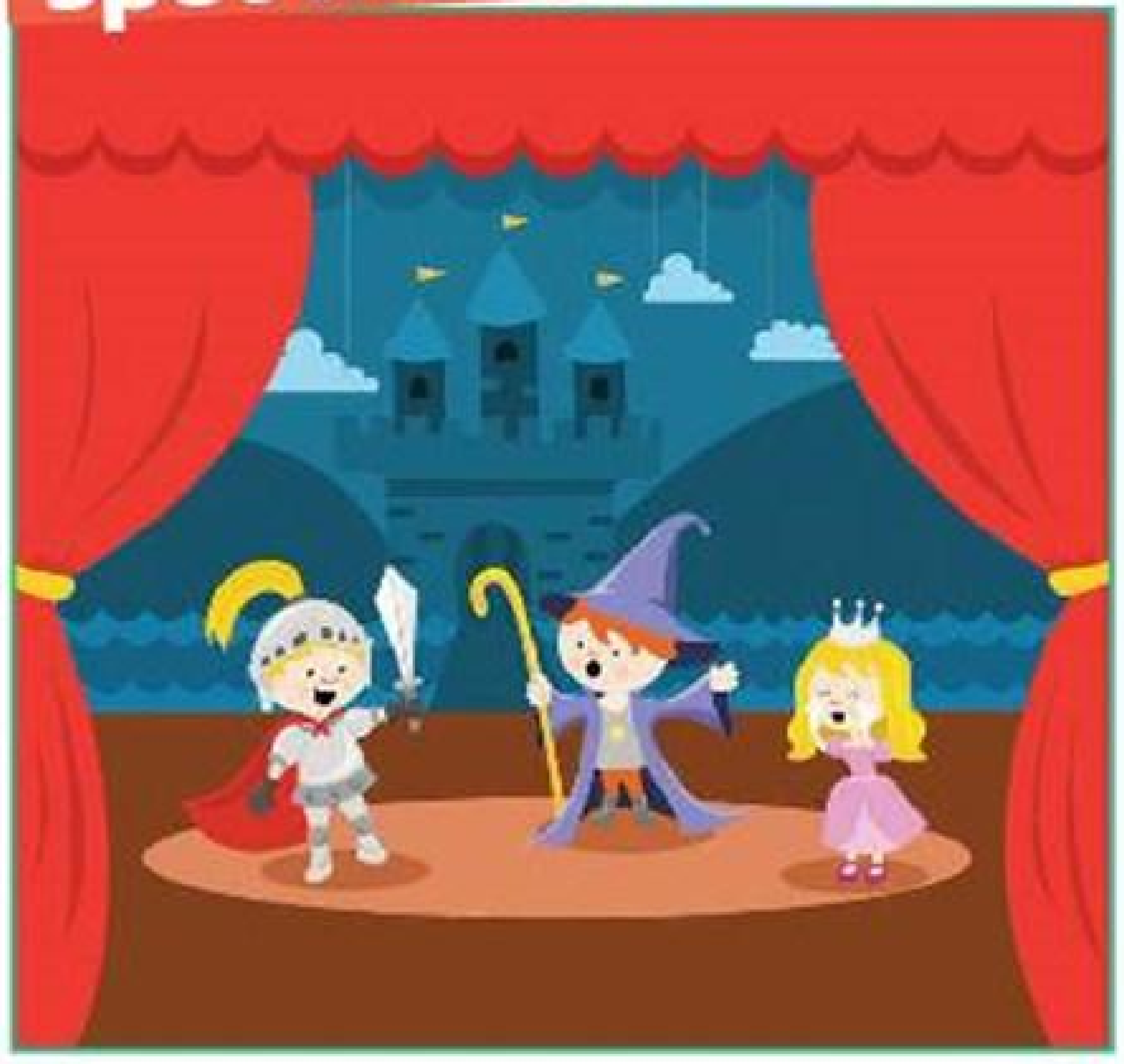
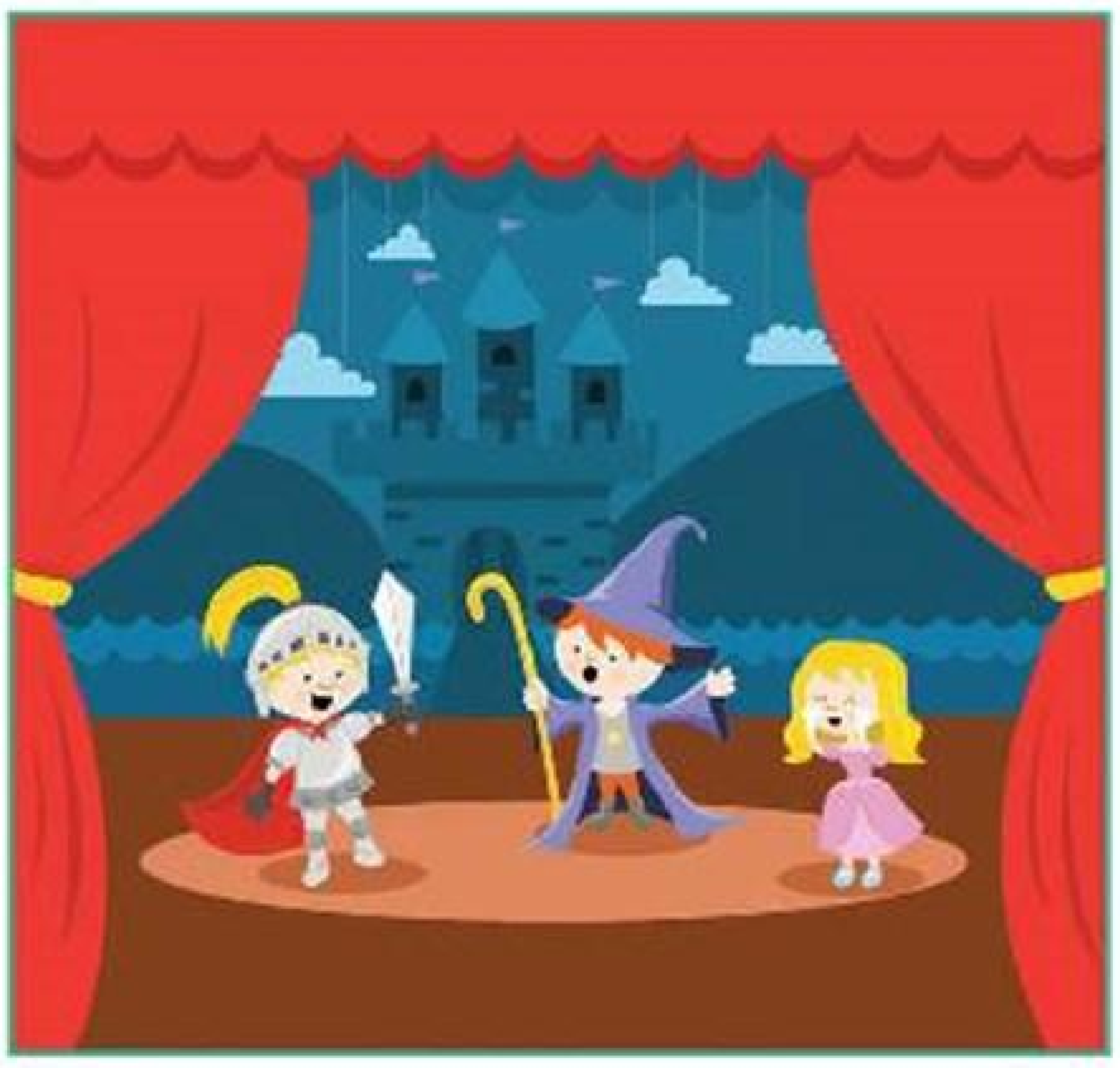
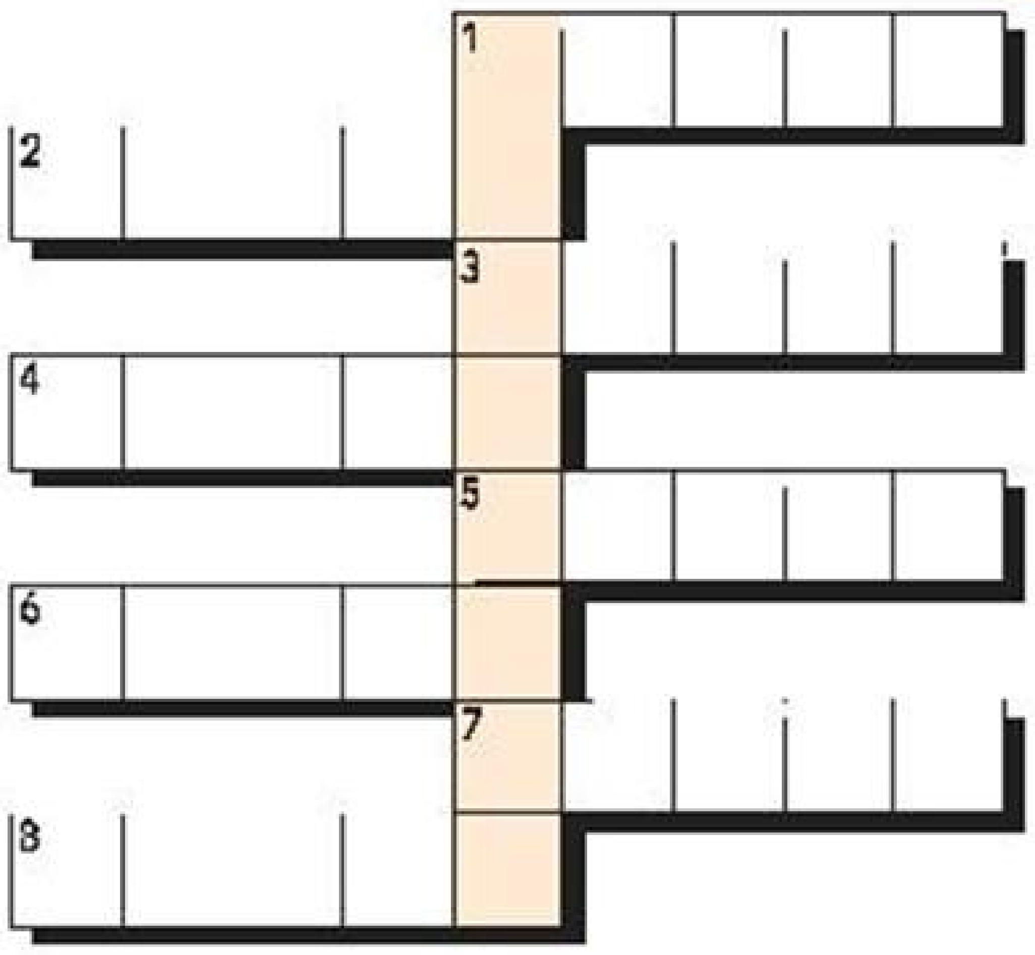




answers: 1. Added cloud, **2.** Castle flags, **3.** Waves, **4.** Crown, **5.** Shoes

junior crossword



1 A country in Asia
2 The main character in *The Lion King*
3 Book
4 The glaze on top of a cake
5 A fruit
6 A striped big cat
7 Water between countries
8 A greeting

answers: 1. Korea **2.** Simba **3.** novel **4.** Icing **5.** apple **6.** tiger **7.** ocean **8.** hello (KANGAROO)

kids' quiz

1. H2O is the chemical formula for what substance?
2. Where did the 2020 Summer Olympics take place?
3. Who released the EP *The Kids Are Coming* in 2021?
4. What animal is Abu in *Aladdin*?
5. What sport takes place in a velodrome?
6. What food makes up around 99 per cent of a giant panda's diet?
7. Which Australian children's author wrote *Where is the Green Sheep?*
8. Who was the first astronaut (pictured) to walk on the moon?
9. Which dog has a very low tum in the Hairy Maclary books?
10. How many players are on the field during a cricket match?

ANSWERS: 1. Water **2.** Tokyo, Japan **3.** Tones and I **4.** Monkey **5.** Cycling **6.** Bamboo **7.** Mem Fox **8.** Neil Armstrong **9.** Schnitzel von Krumm **10.** 11 fielding and two batting

ABC TV (21)

6.00 Makers Of Modern Australia. (PGa, R) **7.00** News Breakfast. **9.30** Gardening Australia. (R) **10.05** The Princes And The Press. (PG, R) **11.00** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon.
1.00 **Vera.** (Mv, R)
2.30 **Muster Dogs.** (PG, R)
3.25 **Tenable.** (PG, R)
4.10 **Antiques Roadshow.** (R)
5.10 **Love Your Garden.**
6.00 **Back Roads.** (PG, R)
6.30 **Hard Quiz.** (PG, R)
7.00 **ABC News.**
7.30 **Back Roads.** (R)
8.00 **Grand Designs Transformations.** (New Series)
9.00 **Martin Clunes: Islands Of The Pacific.** (Ms)
9.50 **Fake Or Fortune?** (R)
10.50 **Finding Alice.** (Ml, R)
11.35 **The Missing Children.** (Ma, R)
1.05 **Love Your Garden.** (R)
1.50 **Tenable.** (PG, R)
2.35 **Rage.** (MA15+adhlnsv)
3.30 **Classic Countdown.** (PG, R)
4.30 **Rosie Batty's One Plus One.** (R)
5.00 **Makers Of Modern Australia.** (PGa, R)

SEVEN (61)

6.00 **Sunrise.**
9.30 **Test Cricket: Pre-Game Show.**
10.30 **Cricket.** Third Test. Australia v Pakistan. Day 2. Morning session. From the SCG.
12.30 **Test Cricket: The Lunch Break.**
1.10 **Cricket.** Third Test. Australia v Pakistan. Day 2. Afternoon session. From the SCG.
3.10 **Test Cricket: Tea Break.**
3.30 **Cricket.** Third Test. Australia v Pakistan. Day 2. Late afternoon session. From the SCG.
6.00 **Nightly News 7 Tasmania.**
7.00 **Cricket.** Big Bash League. Game 26. Melbourne Renegades v Hobart Hurricanes. From Marvel Stadium, Melbourne.
10.30 **Seven's Cricket: The Spin.**
11.00 **MOVIE: Stuber.** (MA15+lnv, R) (2019) (US) Dave Bautista.
1.00 **Black-ish.** (PGa, R)
1.30 **Travel Oz.** (R)
2.00 **Home Shopping.** (R)
4.00 **NBC Today.**
5.00 **Seven Early News.**
5.30 **Sunrise.**

NINE (88)

6.00 **Today.**
9.00 **Today Extra Summer.** (PG)
11.30 **9News Morning.**
12.00 **MOVIE: Love Afloat.** (R) (2022) Alanna Smith.
2.00 **Pointless.** (PG, R)
3.00 **Tipping Point.** (PG, R)
4.00 **9News Afternoon.**
5.00 **Millionaire Hot Seat.** (R)
6.00 **9News.**
7.00 **A Current Affair.**
7.30 **RBT.** (Mal) A look at police random breath-test patrols.
8.30 **RPA.** (PGm, R) A woman's rare and aggressive cancer returns.
9.30 **Children's Hospital.** (PGm, R)
10.30 **Chicago Med.** (MA15+am)
11.20 **Emergency Call.** (Ma, R)
12.10 **Tipping Point.** (PG, R)
1.05 **Pointless.** (PG, R)
2.00 **Golf Barons.** (R)
2.30 **Global Shop.** (R)
3.00 **TV Shop: Home Shopping.** (R)
4.00 **Believer's Voice Of Victory.** (PGa)
4.30 **A Current Affair.** (R)
5.00 **9News Early.**
5.30 **Today.**

TEN (51)

6.00 Luxury Escapes. (R) **6.30** My Market Kitchen. (R) **7.00** Everyday Gourmet. (PG, R) **7.30** Ent. Tonight. (R) **8.00** Farm To Fork. (R) **8.30** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **9.00** Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) **9.30** Neighbours. (PGa, R) **10.00** Hungry. (R) **10.30** Luxury Escapes. (PG, R) **11.00** Food Trail: South Africa. (R) **11.30** Planet Shapers. (R) **12.00** Bondi Rescue. (PGadl, R) **1.00** Dr Phil. (PGa) **2.00** My Market Kitchen. (R) **2.30** Bold. (PG, R) **3.00** Entertainment Tonight. **3.30** Farm To Fork. **4.00** Neighbours. (PGa) **4.30** Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day. (R) **5.00** 10 News First.
6.30 **The Project.**
7.30 **Thank God You're Here.** (Mdls, R)
8.30 **Inspired Unemployed (Impractical) Jokers.** (PGal, R)
9.00 **MOVIE: Mean Girls.** (Ma, R) (2004) Lindsay Lohan.
11.00 **MOVIE: Clueless.** (Md, R) (1995) Alicia Silverstone.
1.00 **The Project.**
2.00 **The Late Show With Stephen Colbert.** (PG)
3.00 **Home Shopping.** (R)
4.30 **CBS Mornings.**

SBS (30)

6.00 WorldWatch. **9.00** Legacy List With Matt Paxton. **10.05** Paddington Station 24/7. (PGa, R) **11.00** Secret Cities. (PGav, R) **12.00** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. **1.00** PBS News. **2.00** Underwater Stonehenge. (PG, R) **2.55** Cook Up Bitesize. (R) **3.00** Mastermind Aust. (R) **3.30** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) **3.40** The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (R) **4.10** The Supervet. (PGa, R) **5.05** Jeopardy! (R) **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)
6.00 **Mastermind Australia.** (R)
6.30 **SBS World News.**
7.30 **Julia Bradbury's Irish Journey.** (PGa)
8.25 **The Real Crown: Inside The House Of Windsor.** (PG, R)
9.20 **Paul Newman: Always On The Move.** (Malv, R)
10.25 **SBS World News Late.**
10.55 **A Class Apart.** (MA15+d)
11.45 **Mr Mercedes.** (MA15+asv, R)
2.45 Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (R) **3.45** Bamay. (R) **4.45** Destination Flavour Scandinavia Bitesize. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

Classifications: **(P)** Preschoolers **(C)** Children **(G)** General **(PG)** Parental Guidance **(M)** Mature Audiences **(MA15+)** Mature Audiences Only **(AV15+)** Extreme Adult Violence **(CC)** Closed Captions. **(R)** Repeat.
Consumer Advice: **(a)** Adult themes **(d)** Drug references **(h)** Horror **(s)** Sex references **(l)** Language **(m)** Medical procedures **(n)** Nudity **(v)** Violence. **Please note:** Listings are subject to change by networks.

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ABC TV PLUS (22)

6.00 Children's Programs. **5.55** Octonauts. **6.10** Pfffirates. **6.20** Bluey. **6.30** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **6.40** Andy's Prehistoric Adventures. **6.55** Shaun The Sheep. **7.05** Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. **7.20** Bluey. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Would I Lie To You? **8.30** Hard Quiz. **9.00** Gruen. **9.40** Penn & Teller: Fool Us. **10.20** Whose Line Is It Anyway? **10.45** Bliss. **11.10** Would I Lie To You? **12.45** Late Programs.

7TWO (62)

6.00 Morning Programs. **8.00** Million Dollar Minute. **9.00** Harry's Practice. **9.30** NBC Today. **12.00** Better Homes. **1.00** I Escaped To The Country. **2.00** South Aussie With Cosi. **2.30** My Greek Odyssey. **3.30** Harry's Practice. **4.00** Animal Rescue. **4.30** Better Homes. **5.30** I Escaped To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Father Brown. **8.30** Murdoch Mysteries. **11.30** Father Brown. **12.30** Late Programs.

9GEM (81)

6.00 Gideon's Way. **7.00** Creflo. **7.30** Skippy. **8.00** TV Shop. **10.30** Bondi Vet. **11.30** My Favorite Martian. **12.00** Tennis. Brisbane International. Day 5. From Pat Rafter Arena, Brisbane. **5.30** Tennis. United Cup. Day 7. Quarter-finals. From Ken Rosewall Arena, Sydney. **11.00** Midsomer Murders. A disagreement turns to tragedy. **1.10** Memory Lane. **2.30** World's Greatest Natural Wonders. **3.30** Bondi Vet. **4.30** My Favorite Martian. **5.00** Animal Tales.

10 PEACH (52)

6.00 Stephen Colbert. **7.00** The Neighborhood. **8.00** Becker. **9.00** Rules Of Engagement. **10.00** The Middle. **10.30** Frasier. **11.30** The Neighborhood. **12.30** Becker. **1.30** Big Bang. **2.30** Rules Of Engagement. **3.30** The Neighborhood. **4.30** Becker. **5.30** Frasier. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** Big Bang. **8.30** Two And A Half Men. **11.00** Frasier. **12.00** Shopping. **1.30** Stephen Colbert. **2.30** Two And A Half Men. **3.30** Late Programs.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6.00 WorldWatch. **10.00** Shortland St. **12.00** The Tailings. **12.20** The Indian Pacific: The Full Journey. **3.15** WorldWatch. **5.15** Counter Space. **5.45** Joy Of Painting. **6.15** The Fast History Of. **6.40** Jeopardy! **7.30** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Beyond Oak Island. **10.10** Guns That Changed The Game. **11.10** Locked Up: Teens Behind Bars. **12.05** Dark Side Of Comedy. **1.00** F*ck, That's Delicious. **1.30** Late Programs.

ABC ME (23)

6.00 Children's Programs. **4.45** Little Lunch. **5.00** Planet Lulin. **5.25** Miraculous: Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir. **5.45** Hotel Transylvania. **6.00** Born To Spy. **6.30** Operation Ouch! **7.00** Horrible Histories. **7.30** Shaun The Sheep. **7.35** Space Nova. **8.00** Total DramaRama. **8.25** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **8.45** Mustangs FC. **9.10** School Of Rock. **9.30** Mythbusters "There's Your Problem!". **9.55** Rage Synth Special. **11.15** Close.

7MATE (63)

6.00 Morning Programs. **11.00** Storage Wars. **11.30** Pawn Stars. **12.00** Highway Patrol. **1.00** The Force: BTL. **2.00** Aussie Lobster Men. **3.00** Billy The Exterminator. **3.30** Counting Cars. **4.30** Storage Wars. **5.00** American Restoration. **5.30** American Pickers. **6.30** Pawn Stars. **7.30** Family Guy. **8.00** American Dad! **8.30** Movie: Land Of The Lost. (2009) **10.35** Roast Night. New Series. **11.40** Storage Wars. **12.10** Late Programs.

9GO! (82)

6.00 Children's Programs. **12.00** MOVIE: My Little Pony: A New Generation. (2021) **2.00** MOVIE: Cats. (2019) **4.00** Family Ties. **4.30** The Addams Family. **5.00** Bewitched. **5.30** Tennis. Brisbane International. Night 5. **11.00** MOVIE: Man On A Ledge. (2012) **1.00** Under The Dome. **2.00** Life After Lockup. **3.00** Bakugan. **3.30** Beyblade Burst Surge. **4.00** Transformers: Cyberverse. **4.30** Ninjago: Crystalized. **5.00** Late Programs.

10 BOLD (53)

6.00 Shopping. **8.00** Soccer. A-League Men. Round 10. Melbourne Victory v Adelaide United. Highlights. **8.30** Diagnosis Murder. **9.30** Jake And The Fatman. **10.30** JAG. **12.30** ST: Voyager. **2.30** Jake And The Fatman. **3.30** Diagnosis Murder. **5.30** JAG. **7.30** Bull. **8.30** NCIS. **9.25** NCIS: New Orleans. **10.20** Evil. **11.15** ST: Voyager. **12.15** Shopping. **2.15** Diagnosis Murder. **4.05** Late Programs.

SBS MOVIES (32)

6.00 Dan In Real Life. Continued. (2007) **7.40** Amazonia. (2013, No dialogue) **9.15** Dr Knock. (2017, French) **11.20** Churchill. (2017) **1.15** Oka! (2012) **3.15** The Witches. (1990) **4.55** The Scarlet And The Black. (1983) **7.30** Enigma. (2001) **9.40** Jane Got A Gun. (2015) **11.30** Bel Canto. (2018) **1.25** 12 Years A Slave. (2013) **3.50** Salvation Boulevard. (2011) **5.40** The Scarlet And The Black. (1983)

ABC NEWS (24)

6.00 Morning Programs. **1.30** Landline: Asia Pacific Specials. **2.00** ABC News Day. **3.30** Foreign Correspondent. **4.00** News. **5.00** ABC News. **5.30** India Now: Summer Special. **6.00** Evening News. **6.40** If You're Listening. **7.00** National News. **7.30** Compass. **8.00** News Tonight. **8.30** Aust Story. **9.00** Nightly News. **9.30** China Tonight: Summer Special. **10.00** The World. **10.30** Foreign Correspondent. **11.00** News. **11.30** Late Programs.

NITV (34)

6.00 Morning Programs. **2.00** Bamay. **2.30** The Cook Up. **3.00** Jarjums. **5.00** Our Stories. **5.30** Taste Of The Territory. **6.00** Bamay. **6.40** Coastal Africa. **7.30** Going Places. **8.30** Not Even. **9.00** MOVIE: Desperately Seeking Susan. (1985) **10.50** First Sounds. **11.05** Big Sky Girls. **11.30** Jupurrurla: Man Of Media. **12.00** Express Yourself. **12.30** Spirit Talker. **12.55** Kutcha's Carpool Koorioke. **1.00** Late Programs.

9LIFE (83)

6.00 Morning Programs. **10.30** House Hunters. **11.00** Gritty To Pretty. **11.30** Good Bones. **12.30** Fix My Frankenhouse. **1.30** Home Town. **2.30** The Block. **4.00** Gritty To Pretty. **4.30** Home Afloat. **5.00** Home Again With The Fords. **6.00** House Hunters Int. **7.00** House Hunters. **7.30** House Hunters Reno. **8.30** Fixer Upper. **9.30** My Lottery Dream Home. **10.30** Unsellable Houses. **11.30** House Hunters Int. **12.00** Late Programs.

NICKELODEON (54)

6.00 Morning Programs. **8.55** Santiago Of The Seas. **9.20** Guppies. **10.10** Shimmer And Shine. **10.35** Ready Set Dance. **10.45** Ryan's Mystery Playdate. **11.10** Blaze And The Monster Machines. **12.00** PAW Patrol. **2.05** TMNT. **2.30** SpongeBob. **4.15** The Casagrandes. **4.40** The Loud House. **5.05** The Thundermans. **5.30** Danger Force. **6.00** The Middle. **7.30** Friends. **8.30** Movie: Transformers. (2007) **11.15** Aaahh!!! Real Monsters. **12.15** Late Programs.

SBS FOOD (33)

6.00 Morning Programs. **1.30** Taste The Nation. **2.05** My Greek Table. **2.35** Food In Our Time. **3.35** Make This Tonight. **4.00** David Rocco's Dolce Homemade. **4.30** My Market Kitchen. **5.00** Mark Moriarty: Off Duty Chef. **5.30** Gourmet Farmer. **6.00** Food Safari Earth. **6.30** Lidia's Kitchen. **7.00** The Cook Up. **7.30** Nigella: The Cook Who Made Me. **8.35** Rick Stein: From Venice To Istanbul. **9.45** Dine With Me UK. **10.10** Late Programs.

PREMIERE (CH 401)

6.00 Haute Couture. (2021) (M) **7.35** Ali & Ava. (2022) (M) **9.10** After Yang. (2021) (PG) **10.50** A Savage Christmas. (2023) (M) **12.30** David Holmes: The Boy Who Lived. (2023) (M) **2.05** The Machine. (2023) (MA15+) **4.00** Black Adam. (2022) (M) **6.10** Shazam! Fury Of The Gods. (2023) (M) **8.30** Polite Society. (2023) (M) **10.20** R.I.P.D. 2: Rise Of The Damned. (2022) (M) **12.06** Magic Mike's Last Dance. (2023) (M) **2.00** Assassin Club. (2023) (MA15+) **3.50** Late Programs.

GREATS (CH 410)

6.00 Boiling Point. (1993) **6.05** The Blues Brothers. (1980) **8.20** Xanadu. (1980) **10.00** The Big Lebowski. (1998) **12.00** Philadelphia. (1993) **2.10** Firefox. (1982) **4.20** In The Line Of Fire. (1993)
6.30 **Back To The Future Part III.** (1990) Michael J. Fox.
8.30 **Blade Runner.** (1982)
10.30 2001: A Space Odyssey. (1968) Keir Dullea. **12.50** Born On The Fourth Of July. (1989) **3.15** The Breakfast Club. (1985) **4.50** The Godfather Coda. (2020)

UKTV (CH 105)

6.00 Morning Programs. **9.05** Jonathan Ross. (PG) **10.05** Doc Martin. (M) **11.05** Would I Lie To You? (PG) **11.40** Who Do You Think You Are? (PG) **12.50** Midsomer Murders. (M) **2.55** New Tricks. (M) **4.00** Father Brown. (M) **5.00** QI. (PG) **6.10** Richard Osman's House Of Games Night. (PG) **6.45** Emmerdale. (PG) **7.15** Coronation Street. (PG) **7.50** EastEnders. (PG) **8.30** Prince, Son And Heir: Charles At 70. (PG) **9.40** Dragons' Den. (PG) **10.50** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. (M) **12.40** Late Programs.

SHOWCASE (CH 112)

6.00 Wentworth. (M) **7.00** True Blood. (MA15+) **8.00** Curb Your Enthusiasm. (M) **9.00** Strife. (MA15+) **10.00** Mare Of Easttown. (M) **11.00** The Couple Next Door. (MA15+) **12.00** What We Do In The Shadows. (M) **6.30** To Be Advised. **7.00** What We Do In The Shadows. (M) **7.30** The Couple Next Door. (MA15+) **8.30** Smothered. (MA15+) **9.00** The Lovers. (MA15+) **9.30** Mildred Pierce. (M) **11.30** Smothered. (MA15+) **12.00** The Lovers. (MA15+) **12.30** Late Programs.

DISCOVERY (CH 133)

6.00 Morning Programs. **9.15** Dirty Jobs. (PG) **10.10** Deadliest Catch. (M) **11.05** Moonshiners Special. (M) **12.00** Blowing Up History. (PG) **12.55** Naked And Afraid. (M) **1.55** Outback Opal Hunters. (PG) **2.50** Sewer Divers. (M) **3.45** Deadliest Catch. (M) **4.40** Dirty Jobs. (PG) **5.35** Outback Opal Hunters. (PG) **6.35** Hoffman Family Gold. (M) **8.30** Gold Rush: Parker's Trail. (M) **9.30** Aussie Gold Hunters. (PG) **10.25** Reclaimed. (PG) **11.20** Naked And Afraid. (M) **12.15** Late Programs.

FAMILY (CH 403)

6.00 Christmas With The Kranks. (2004) (PG) **7.05** Dora Saves The Snow Princess. (2008) **8.00** Turbo. (2013) **9.40** The Secret Life Of Pets. (2016) **11.10** The Secret Life Of Pets 2. (2019) (PG) **12.40** Minions: The Rise Of Gru. (2022) (PG) **2.15** The Ant Bully. (2006) **3.50** Paws Of Fury: The Legend Of Hank. (2022) (PG) **5.30** The Munsters. (2022) (PG) **7.30** Harry Potter And The Goblet Of Fire. (2005) (M) **10.10** Jumanji: The Next Level. (2019) (PG) **12.10** Late Programs.

ACTION (CH 405)

6.00 xXx: State Of The Union. (2005) (M) **7.20** R.I.P.D. (2013) (M) **9.00** Kick-Ass 2. (2013) (MA15+) **10.45** Blade. (1998) (MA15+) **12.50** Blade II. (2002) (MA15+) **2.50** Blade: Trinity. (2004) (MA15+) **4.45** 300. (2006) (MA15+) **6.45** Salt. (2010) (M) **8.30** Mission: Impossible. (1996) (M) **10.25** The Man From U.N.C.L.E. (2015) (M) **12.20** S.W.A.T. (2003) (M) **2.15** The Green Hornet. (2011) (M) **4.10** Collateral Damage. (2002) (M) **5.55** Baby Driver. (2017) (MA15+)

FOX8 (CH 108)

6.00 Morning Programs. **3.00** Rick And Morty. (MA15+) **3.30** Whose Line Is It Anyway? (PG) **4.00** Two And A Half Men. (PG) **4.30** Two And A Half Men. (PG) **5.00** Two And A Half Men. (PG) **5.30** Entourage. (MA15+) **6.00** Entourage. (MA15+) **6.30** Taskmaster. (M) **7.30** Taskmaster. (M) **8.30** Make You Laugh Out Loud. (PG) **9.30** Two And A Half Men. (PG) **10.00** Two And A Half Men. (PG) **10.30** Two And A Half Men. (PG) **11.00** Entourage. (MA15+) **11.30** Entourage. (MA15+) **12.00** Late Programs.

BBC FIRST (CH 119)

6.00 The Fall. (MA15+) **6.55** Silent Witness. (M) **8.00** Death In Paradise. (M) **9.05** Unforgotten. (MA15+) **10.00** Call The Midwife. (PG) **11.05** Close To Me. (M) **12.00** The Catch. (M) **1.50** The Control Room. (M) **2.55** Silent Witness. (M) **4.05** Death In Paradise. (M) **5.15** Unforgotten. (M) **6.15** Call The Midwife. (M) **7.25** Better. (MA15+) **8.30** Death In Paradise Christmas Special 2023. (PG) **10.10** The Bay. (M) **11.05** Death In Paradise. (M) **12.05** Unforgotten. (M) **12.50** Late Programs.

LIFESTYLE (CH 106)

6.00 Antiques Roadshow. **7.10** Bargain Hunt. **8.05** Antiques Road Trip. **9.00** Location, Location, Location. **11.00** GB Sewing Bee. **12.10** Selling Houses Aust. **1.15** Escape To The Country. **2.10** Antiques Roadshow. **3.20** Bargain Hunt. **4.15** Better Homes. **5.30** Chateau DIY. **6.30** 999: On The Front Line. (M) **7.30** Selling Houses Aust. **8.30** Celebrity Sewing Bee Festive Specials. **9.40** Stitching For Britain. **10.50** Escape To The Country. **11.45** 24 Hours In Emergency. (M) **12.40** Late Programs.

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CONNOLLY
Bernard
"Bernie"

8.03.1966 - 2.01.2024

Much loved husband of Natasha. Cherished father of Lulu, and stepfather of Matthew. Precious son of Marjorie and Brian (both dec). Loved brother of Denise, Damien, Maree, Inez, Shaun (dec), Mark, Valerie, Brendan, and Dominic. Treasured uncle to all his nieces and nephews. Loved 'Poppy Bernie'.

Adored Dad to his fur baby, Viktor.

Special thank you to Alana Fitzgibbon, Dr Wuttke, and the very caring staff at the Whittle Ward.

Thank you to all the kind doctors and nurses who cared for Bernie in the past 4 years.

CONNOLLY, Bernard
'Bern'

08 Mar 1966
02 Jan 2024

Loved older brother of Nick and friend of Rowena, cherished Uncle to Carrie, Chris and Trista, Hannah and Danny and their families. Many great memories, rest easy. Thanks to the staff of the Whittle Ward for their care

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CRAWFORD, Marjorie
28 Dec 2023

Dearly loved friend of Dora, Roger and family.
Many happy memories created together that we will have forever.
We send our love to Barry and family.
Marjorie I will miss the friendship that you and shared. Dora

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FLAKEMORE,
Alan David
'Flakey' 'Felix'
7.5.1936 – 1.1.2024

Passed peacefully at home. Cherished husband of Dulcie for 68 years. Loved father and father-in-law of Stephen and Lisa, John and Tanya, Suzanne and Tim.
Loved grandfather of Tammy, Laura, Jess, Ashlee, Hayley, Kate and their partners.
Great-grandfather of James, Chloe, Kaashi, Sahana, Arjay, Norah, Jasper, Rupert, and Ruaridh.
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Funeral details in tomorrow's Mercury.

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HAY.
Ronald James Bowes

23 Sep 1938 - 30 Dec 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Ronald James Bowes Hay. Ronald suffered for several years from an illness known as idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. He passed away on 30th December 2023 at the age of 85. He died at home in Switzerland surrounded by his wife Jasna, to whom he was married for over 53 years, daughter Nevena and son-in-law Sven. He was loved and will be also dearly missed by his son Alex and grandchildren Tania and Alistair. Alex, [illegible] and the grandchildren will travel to Switzerland to attend the funeral. A memorial service will be held in Melbourne to celebrate and honour his life at a later date. Ronald was a great friend and mentor to many, in both business and in private life.

God bless Ronald and may he rest in peace

HAZELL, Sandra Kay

07 Jul 1956
28 Dec 2023

Members and Partners of the Rotary Club of Kingston both past and present extend their deepest sympathy to Past President Geoffrey Hazell and family on the sudden passing of his beloved wife Sandra.

We all hold fond memories of Sandra and are grateful for her contribution, friendship and support over many years.

ILES,
Gregory Paul

12 May 1955-
10 Dec 2023

Passed away suddenly at home on 10th December 2023. Beloved Son of Henry & Fay Iles (dec) and Brother of Sandra, Stuart and Cherie. Uncle of Anna, Desha, Alison and Julian.

Rest In Peace.
Private cremation.

KERSCHBAUM, Ivo
31 Dec 2023

Cherished brother in law to Jack (dec) and Nena Baric, loved uncle of Ivy, Bob and families. Heartfelt sympathy to Della, Tony, Michael, Mark, Sonia and families. We will always remember how we [illegible] may he rest in peace

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OLIVER
Jennette Miriam
21.04.1940 02.01.2024

Passed away surrounded by family. Beloved wife of Lloyd (dec). Loved mother and mother-in-law of Shane and Kimbra; Joanne; Peter and Toni; Nigel and Annemaree; Stephen and Lisa. Cherished Nan of all her grandchildren. Loving sister of Ben and Vincent (Mick) (dec).

Back in Lloyd's arms again

RAYNER
Lynette Cheryl

6.7.1947 – 26.12.2023
Eldest daughter of Owen and Norma Rayner (both dec.). Loving mother to Nigel, Cara and Kyle. Loving grandmother to Cooper, Abbey and Rose.
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WHITTLE,
BARBARA DAWN

12.01.1933 - 27.12.2023

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Dancing again in the safe arms of her beloved Tassie.

WILTON
Anthony Dennis
"Tony"

6.5.1952 - 2.1.2024

Loved and loving husband of Charmaine for 52 years. Cherished father of Mark, Jason, Derek, Toni, and Kristy. Treasured 'Pops' to all his grandchildren, great grandchildren, and to so many others.

Funerals

BERRY

A Service for Juanita Helen Berry will be held at Graham Family Funeral Home, Cnr Risdon and Ray Roads, New Town, on Monday (8th January 2024) at 10.00am. Family and friends are warmly invited to attend. Private Cremation.

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CONNOLLY

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral Service for Mr Bernard "Bernie" Connolly to be held at our Mornington Funeral Home, 25 McIntyre Street, on Friday (January 12, 2024) at 10:00am. Should you wish to view the service remotely you can access the livestream at millingtons.com.au and click on Mornington Chapel.

Private cremation.

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OLIVER

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral Service for Mrs Jennette Miriam Oliver to be held at our Mornington Funeral Home, 25 McIntyre Street, on Tuesday (January 9, 2024) at 3.30pm

Private cremation.

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SEABROOK

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral Service for Mr Christopher Murray Seabrook to be held at our Mornington Funeral Home, 25 McIntyre Street, on Friday (tomorrow) at 1:00pm. Should you wish to view the service remotely you can access the livestream at millingtons.com.au and click on Mornington Chapel.

Private cremation.

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WILTON

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the Graveside Service for Mr Anthony (Tony) Dennis Wilton to be held at the Malbina Lawn Cemetery, 100 Molesworth Road, on Tuesday (January 9, 2024) at 11:00am.

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GLAMORGAN SPRING BAY COUNCIL

Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993
Approval and commencement of AM2023-02 to Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Local Provisions Schedule (LPS)

The Glamorgan Spring Bay Council advises that the Tasmanian Planning Commission has approved AM2023-02 to the Glamorgan Spring Bay Local Provisions Schedule.
AM2023-02 applies to land adjoining Louisville Road, Orford, known as the Solis site. AM2023-02 made the following changes to the provisions of GSB-S3 Louisville Road Specific Area Plan:
Renamed GSB-S3.7.5 to Solar Access and revised the objective;
Deleted clauses GSB-S3.7.5 Energy and water efficiency A2/P2 and A3/P3, GBS-S3.8.3 Services A1/P1;
Replaced GSB-3.8.3 Services A3/P3 with new provisions, and
Revised GSB-S3.7.6 Outbuildings A1 to reflect the exemption at section 4.3.8 of the State Planning Provisions.
AM 2023-02 commenced operation on 22 December 2023.
The Glamorgan Spring Bay Local Provisions Schedule and documents associated with AM2023-02 are available from the Commission website www.planning.tas.gov.au. Information on the zoning and overlays is available from the listmap service (www.listmap.tas.gov.au). Enquiries can be directed to the Tasmanian Planning Commission on (03) 6165 6828 or email tpoc@planning.tas.gov.au

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A KENNEL LICENCE

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to apply to Glenorchy City Council for a Kennel Licence to keep 4 dogs at my property at 139 Black Snake Road, Granton, TAS 7030.

Applicant's name: Nicole Sutcliffe

Breed of dogs: 4 x Maltese Shitzu Cross

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Roos' Asian Cup statement

Goodwin adamant Australia can repeat 2015 tournament triumph

Martin Gabor

It's been nine years since their famous Asian Cup win on home soil, and Socceroos star Craig Goodwin "genuinely believes" the Aussies can go all the way at this year's tournament in Qatar that begins next week.

The Socceroos are one of the favourites to win the event on the back of their strong World Cup showing in 2022, and they'll be out to make an early statement when they face Bahrain in a warm-up match on Sunday morning (AEDT).

It will be a great chance for some of the players to get used to the hot conditions in the Middle East – something South Australian Goodwin has grown accustomed to at his Saudi club Al-Wehda where he scored a goal and set another up last week.

The Socceroos are 25th in the FIFA rankings, with Japan, Iran and South Korea the only Asian nations ahead of them.

It's why there's a quiet optimism they can go all the way having reached the quarterfinals in 2019 when they were bundled out by the UAE.

"I genuinely believe we have the squad to win the Asian Cup," former Adelaide United star Goodwin said.

"It's going to be hard and difficult but we have a good group with a good mentality. We have the potential to do something special here."

Australia opens its campaign against India next Saturday before taking on Syria and Uzbekistan in Group B.

It's easy to get caught up in the emotion of the Socceroos returning to Qatar, where they got past the group stage and were eventually knocked out by Lionel Messi and Argentina who went on to win the World Cup, but Goodwin says it's a clean slate this time around.

"Qatar has been a happy place for myself and for us but it's about coming in with a different mindset and mentality. Coming in with more hunger to do more great things here," he said. "None of us can get caught up in the thought process that we've done well here in the past and that it's going to come easy. We have aspirations to win the Asian Cup and to do that we have to have a ruthless mentality and to be focused on what's coming next.

"Although we're very happy with what we've done here in the past, that is in the past and we've got the here and now to focus on to try to bring the Asian Cup back to Australia."

ASIA CUP QATAR 2024

GROUP B

AUSTRALIA V INDIA
10.30pm, Saturday, Jan 13, Ahmed bin Ali Stadium

AUSTRALIA V SYRIA
10.30pm, Thursday, Jan 18, Jassim Ben Hamad Stadium

AUSTRALIA V UZBEKISTAN
10.30pm, Tuesday, Jan 23, Al Janoub Stadium

Hammers held by Seagulls

West Ham missed the chance to close in on the Premier League's top four as Brighton was denied victory in London by the Hammers' French goalkeeper Alphonse Areola in a 0-0 draw on Wednesday.

The Seagulls recorded their first Premier League clean sheet of the season and deserved all three points on their second-half performance.

"We played a great game," Brighton boss Roberto de Zerbi told the BBC.

"We deserved to win. We played a very smart game because the best quality of West Ham is counter-attack and we played with a focus – don't concede a counter-attack."

Brighton enjoyed nearly 70 per cent of possession but was blighted by a familiar lack of cutting edge in the final third, with West Ham also lacking attacking potency in the absence of star pair Lucas Paqueta and Mohammed Kudus.

Areola had to be at his best to deny Danny Welbeck, Joao Pedro, Pascal Gross and Adam Lallana. David Moyes' men have taken 10 points from a possible 12 over the festive season but are still six points adrift of the top four.

Chidiac's desperate for more game time

Victory's star signing Alex Chidiac and (inset) celebrating after scoring a goal for the Matildas in February. Pictures: David Crosling, Getty Images

Erin Smith

Alex Chidiac doesn't normally get nervous. But with so little time spent on a football field last year, that was how she felt sitting on the bench in her new Melbourne Victory kit.

The 24-year-old, who has donned the Matildas jersey 33 times since 2015, is desperate to get back to doing the thing she loves – playing football.

Chidiac had three weeks to find her feet before her contract with Victory was made official but played her first game from off the bench in the second half of a 2-0 loss to Western Sydney last weekend.

"I think it will take me a few games to get back into it again," Chidiac said, admitting she was "nervous" waiting to get on to the field. "It's been a while since I've been playing consistent football. It will take a bit to get that sharpness and find that form I had last season but at least now with the longer season you can do that."

Chidiac was named in the World Cup squad but given limited minutes. After the World Cup she was relegated to the bench at Mexican club Tigres, at which she was on loan from parent club Racing Louisville in the US National Women's Soccer League.

The dynamic midfielder has re-signed with Victory in the hope of increasing her game time.

"It's been a decision that's been coming for a long time," Chidiac said. "Especially post-World Cup.

"I was still contracted in the NWSL so I wasn't able to get out of that contract and then just signed with Victory. The past couple of seasons with Victory I've had the most fun playing, so I really just want to get back to that."

Chidiac, who launched her professional football career in 2014 at age 15 with her home club Adelaide United, has now played in some of the top teams in the world, including Atletico de Madrid, but is looking forward to the stability of her Victory contract.

"It's nice to know that I'll be doing this next season as well instead of jumping on a plane going to a new country and trying to settle in," she said.

She will be in line for a start when Victory plays Western United on Saturday.

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1 7.28 COAL VALLEY EXCAVATION & HIRE EQ1

Juvenile Maiden 340m.

Bx	PS	Dog	PB	PPO	Trainer	Early Speed
1	5	DASHING JAKE	FSH	$4	R Work	
2	84565	HEAVEN'S FINEST	FSTD	$11	K Gregory	
3	24284	DELTA WHISKEY	FSH	$7	S Martin	
4	48535	BOOTSANDALL	NBT	$7	D Crane	
5	42	BURNIE ROSS	NBT	$11	R Work	
6		CAMPARI KATE	FSH	$5	W Scannella	
7	45751	LITTLE ZOOM	FSTD	$2.50	G Howlett	
8	3735	COLT FORTY FIVE	NBT	$5	P Gregory	
9	77744	AWESOME JILL Res.	NBT	$11	G Townsend	
10	52854	HIGHGATE HANNAH Res.	NBT	$11	D Crane	

LITTLE ZOOM 1, Dashing Jake 2, Campari Kate 3, Colt Forty Five 4

2 7.52 SUREPICK EQ2

Grade 6 461m.

1	36723	RAGING RAMBO	NBT	$5	E Medhurst
2	1142	FLY HIGH BET	NBT	$4	E Medhurst
3	1111	SWEET SUNDOWN	FSTD	$1.40	P Ryan
4	26	TIME PASSAGES	FSH	$11	P Ryan
5	7343	SPEEDY COMET	NBT	$11	R Martin
6	615	RANDOM SASS	FSH	$11	P Ryan
7	28361	MY STORM	FSTD	$11	S Martin
8	7312	WHISKEY TYCOON	FSTD	$11	S Martin
9	34285	FRAYAH'S BAILEY Res.	NBT	$11	K Gregory
10	26538	STARDUST LAD Res.	NBT	$11	P Gregory

SWEET SUNDOWN 1, Fly High Bet 2, Raging Rambo 3, Time Passages 4

3 8.13 DENNIS COLLIS MEMORIAL CLASSIC EQ3

Grade 5 Heat 461m.

1	68385	JAMELLA ROCKET	26.34	$7	P Young
2	52162	CROSS THE RIVER	FSTD	$7	R Work
3	32572	CHLOE'S COMET	FSTD	$5	E Thomas
4	65855	GOT THE BLUES	26.04	$11	D Wood
5		Vacant Box			
6	84446	SURE DANGER	26.38	$11	A Collis
7	54111	SCRAPS AHOY	NBT	$2.50	I Callinan
8	33441	EVIE ELOISE	NBT	$2.30	M Rosendell

EVIE ELOISE 1, Scraps Ahoy 2, Chloe's Comet 3, Cross The River 4

4 8.34 DENNIS COLLIS MEMORIAL CLASSIC EQ4

Grade 5 Heat 461m.

1	57621	MY BABY BLACK	NBT	$2.50	D Williams
2	17563	HIGHGATE LEBRON	FSTD	$11	E Thomas
3	34224	BORDERLINE BELLA	NBT	$11	S Martin
4	46346	OSPREY KNIGHT	NBT	$11	N Howard
5	45675	BERATE	NBT	$5	B Smith
6	86678	BATMAN CAN	26.41Q	$7	G Howlett
7	55253	NINETYMILE ROCKS	26.08	$3.50	D Cannan
8	21145	IMPERIAL SON	FSH	$5	I Watkins

MY BABY BLACK 1, Ninetymile Rocks 2, Berate 3, Imperial Son 4

5 8.55 DENNIS COLLIS MEMORIAL CLASSIC Q1

Grade 5 Heat 461m.

1	33823	LOST MAGIC	NBT	$5	R Martin
2	54233	FACADE	NBT	$5	B Smith
3	25142	BONNIE RICO	NBT	$7	D Cannan
4	38886	TRALEE WOLF	26.17	$11	A Collis
5	26518	TOMMY RICO	NBT	$11	S Whitney
6	37876	SILENT KEIKO	26.53	$11	G Howlett
7	33365	BUCKLE UP WILDER	NBT	$5	M Dobson
8	32232	BLACK PHANTOM	26.24	$1.70	M Stringer

BLACK PHANTOM 1, Lost Magic 2, Facade 3, Buckle Up Wilder 4

6 9.13 DENNIS COLLIS MEMORIAL CLASSIC DD1 Q2

Grade 5 Heat 461m.

1	11531	WHISKY BARREL	26.16	$2.50	J Stanford
2	64876	SMOKING YOGI	26.26	$11	G Howlett
3	62676	RIPONBYE	NBT	$11	R Work
4	76827	FROSTY JET	NBT	$11	D Critchley
5	37886	OUR JERSEY GIRL	FSTD	$11	D Williams
6	25232	HYPERFORCE	NBT	$2.70	E Thomas
7	14567	PANAMA'S JEM	NBT	$7	K Gregory
8	35224	CRY OR LAUGH	NBT	$5	I Callinan

WHISKY BARREL 1, Hyper Force 2, Cry Or Laugh 3, Panama's Jem 4

7 9.38 BRIGHTON HAIR & BEAUTY Q3

Mixed 4/5 461m.

1	47446	ZIPPING MARIAH	26.13	$7	E Thomas
2	64544	SPECIAL BOND	26.10	$11	M Pearce
3	53681	STAR OF VENUS	NBT	$4	E Thomas
4	34725	SUNTORY GRACE	NBT	$3.50	B Pursell
5		Vacant Box			
6	57856	GOOD INNINGS	FSTD	$11	B Pursell
7	32576	VELVET QUEEN	26.32	$11	R Work
8	11721	FLYING ALONSO	26.20	$2.30	D Cannan

FLYING ALONSO 1, Suntory Grace 2, Star Of Venus 3, Zipping Mariah 4

8 9.58 MIXED STAKE DD2 Q4

Mixed 4/5 340m.

1	35445	JACK THE FLASH	NBT	$7	I Callinan
2	17587	DEFENDER DANGER	NBT	$11	S Marshall
3	44655	PRIMAL DANCER	NBT	$11	J Geard
4	13351	OLD ECCA	19.68	$2.50	R Work
5	21755	DEWANA DREAM	19.64	$5	N Gittus
6	45825	SPEAK NOW	NBT	$7	P Young
7	17186	BLACKPOOL FLY	19.72	$7	G Howlett
8	13331	SON OF NEPTUNE	19.83	$3	R Moate
9	86888	CASSIE Res.	NBT	$11	P Green
10	55847	SALLY'S NEMO Res.	19.83	$11	P Green

OLD ECCA 1, Son Of Neptune 2, Dewana Dream 3, Blackpool Fly 4

9 10.23 OPEN STAKE

Masters Open 461m.

1	84623	SHE'S ALL MINE	26.00	$9	M Pearce
2	47726	BURN AND RUN	26.14	$11	G Howlett
3		Vacant Box			
4	72526	ALTERCATE	25.95	$9	G Howlett
5	23215	MR. TEN PERCENT	26.43	$7	D Critchley
6		Vacant Box			
7	18823	NAIL 'EM FENCER	25.69	$1.30	N Alison
8	28588	BLUENOSE BEST	26.20	$13	G Howlett

NAIL 'EM FENCER 1, She's All Mine 2, Altercate 3, Burn And Run 4

10 10.45 GRADE 5 STAKE

Grade 5 340m.

1	7875F	HANGON SLOOPY	NBT	$11	J Geard
2	62124	TEO'S GIRL	NBT	$5	M Stringer
3	17263	MOVE YOUR FEET	NBT	$5	L Howard
4	86342	ARCADIAN ROXY	NBT	$11	D Williams
5	44541	DEWANA NATURAL	NBT	$11	N Gittus
6	63888	ELI'S TRACTOR	19.83	$11	J Geard
7	41213	PETERINA	NBT	$7	P Philips
8	41151	DARRYL'S CHOICE	NBT	$1.50	N Alison
9	55847	SALLY'S NEMO Res.	19.83	$11	P Green
10	78887	MY NAME'S JOE Res.	NBT	$11	P Green

DARRYL'S CHOICE 1, Teo's Girl 2, Move Your Feet 3, Peterina 4

TAB YARRA VALLEY RACES

TODAY **TAB CODE: MR**

DAILY DOUBLE 6 & 8
EARLY QUAD 1, 2, 3, 4
TREBLE 6, 7, 8
QUADDIE 5, 6, 7, 8

THE DETAILS

RAIL: Out 3m **TRACK:** Good (4)

TAB FIXED ODDS ALL RACES

1 1.30 HIRSCH HILL ESTATE PLATE EQ1

1009m. $37,500. 3yo Maiden SW. Apprentices can claim.

	FORM	HORSE (BARRIER)	JOCKEY	WGT	RTG	ODDS
1		BOYFRIEND MATERIAL (8)	Ms C Hefel (a)	58	69	26.00
2		IF I WAS YOU (7)	J Childs	58	81	9.50
3	523	JUST BOLTS (2)	J Noonan	58	100	8.00
4		RANK'N'FILE (11)	M Dee	58	78	★2.40
5	5	SAKASU (4)	Ms T Bull (a)	58	93	10.00
6	6	ABOVETHEFROSTLINE (6)	B McDougall	56	78	61.00
7		ARCTIC GIRL (3)	J Bowditch	56	77	5.00
8		FAIRY MISS (10)	B Higgins	56	72	12.00
9	9s	LUMINOUS WATERS (1)	T Nugent	56	81	6.50
10	4s	OUR SILVER LININGS (NZ) (5)	D Stackhouse	56	99	10.00
		EMERGENCY				
11	20	HALVAR (9)	J McNeil	58	96	8.50

JUST BOLTS 1, Sakasu 2, Rank'n'file 3, Our Silver Linings 4

2 2.00 ROKWORX PLATE EQ2

1009m. $37,500. 4yo & up Maiden SW. Apprentices can claim.

1	2s2	FLYING KNEE (1) (b)	C Newitt	59.5	91	5.50
2	9s	FOXMANIA (2)	B Higgins	59.5	64	5.50
3	s6322	JESSUP (9) (b)	J Childs	59.5	87	3.20
4	s532s	ORTEGA (5)	B McDougall	59.5	100	★3.00
5	2455s	REDOUTE'S NIGHT (6)	L Bates (a3)	59.5	87	10.00
6	s0s9s	SET FOR SUCCESS (4)	A Lynch	59.5	56	151.00
7	22536	JIPUSHI (7) (b)		57.5	88	14.00
8	9s	THALASSA (3)	D Stackhouse	57.5	55	41.00
9		WAYHERE (8)	Ms C Hefel (a)	57.5	66	12.00

JESSUP 1, Flying Knee 2, Jipushi 3, Ortega 4

3 2.30 BARRY PLANT YARRA GLEN PLATE EQ3

1209m. $37,500. 3yo & up Maiden SW. Apprentices can claim.

1	2s	BRIER (8) (b)	Ms C Hefel (a)	59.5	100	★1.65
2	2674s	FIRESTORM BOY (5)	D Moor	59.5	99	6.50
3	4327s	LOLLY MONEY (1)	J Mott	59.5	94	8.00
4		PRIDE OF PARIAH (9)	A Lynch	59.5	64	16.00
5	4	SKILFUL ARTIST (13)	T Nugent	58	85	23.00
6	33620	FOSSETTA (2)	Ms D Keane (a2)	57.5	87	71.00
7	2525s	GIANT'S REWARD (12)	J McNeil	57.5	95	10.00
8	77s3	LIP DE LANE (3)	Ms A Herrmann	57.5	90	23.00
9		KATERINI (11)	D Stackhouse	56	78	11.00
10	4	MISS WINSLET (7)	L Riordan	56	73	14.00
		EMERGENCIES				
11	3039s	GIULIANO (14)		59.5	90	15.00
12	80s30	THREE JACKS (6)	S Brown Jnr	59.5	88	13.00
13	6s	TURN UP THE MUSIC (10)	W Price	58	90	7.50
14		NICOISE GIRL (4)	J Childs	56	76	15.00

FIRESTORM BOY 1, Miss Winslet 2, Lolly Money 3, Nicoise Girl 4

Note: Race times correct at time of publication.

4 3.00 DEBORTOLI PLATE EQ4

1968m. $37,500. Maiden SW. Apprentices can claim.

1	46	ANTHURIUM (6)	Ms J Beriman	59.5	87	11.00
2	44333	KNENTII (NZ) (3) (b)	J Bowditch	59.5	98	3.90
3	s6725	MITCHELLS FALLS (4)	Ms Y Ota	59.5	100	21.00
4	525s9	TAHITIAN WARRIOR (NZ) (8)	B Higgins	59.5	97	23.00
5	0s53	ART SPACE (NZ) (5)	J Childs	58	84	9.00
6	32232	MARINER'S DREAM (7) (b)	J Mott	58	98	★2.30
7	26s46	BACKLIT BEAUTY (9)	T Nugent	57.5	88	7.50
8	66065	OUR BONNIO MISS (1)	J Fry	57.5	88	23.00
9	47603	THE PARTING GLASS (NZ) (2)	J Noonan	57.5	85	8.50

MARINER'S DREAM 1, Knentii 2, Our Bonnio Miss 3, Artspace 4

5 3.30 AIRFUSION HANDICAP Q1

1968m. $35,000. 3yo & up Benchmark 58. Apprentices can claim.

1	16822	INORDINATE (8) (dtonb)	J Hill	61	92	★4.00
2	21767	LOTTAROC (NZ) (10) (w)	C Rawiller	61	96	11.00
3	60173	NOT A PROBLEM (1) (twb)	J Fry	61	96	4.80
4	24138	THE ROOSTER (2) (d)	J Mott	60	94	9.00
5	8s075	TOSEN GLORY (6) (w)	B McDougall	60	95	19.00
6	17s70	TRADEWORX (11)	Ms A Kelly	60	100	41.00
7	41447	KHAN'S TREASURE (NZ) (5)	L Cartwright (a3)	59.5	99	6.00
8	7s223	VADARCHIE (NZ) (9)	B Higgins	59.5	97	15.00
9	09s94	AMBERARNA (NZ) (7) (w)	L Bates (a3)	59	96	6.00
10	70921	BOLSHOI PRINCESS (3) (w)	J Maskiell	59	96	5.00
		EMERGENCY				
11	s0060	TOSCANA RISING (4)	T Nugent	57	90	41.00

BOLSHOI PRINCESS 1, Not A Problem 2, Inordinate 3, Amberarna 4

GEAR CHANGES

RACE 1: (1) Boyfriend Material blinkers on first time, pre-race ear muffs on first time, gelded; (3) Just Bolts tongue-tie on first time; (4) Rank'n'file gelded, lugging bit on first time, tongue-tie on first time; (5) Sakasu blinkers on first time; (8) Fairy Miss cross-over noseband on first time, pre-race ear muffs on first time, tongue-tie on first time; (11) Halvar ear muffs on first time **RACE 2:** (1) Flying Knee blinkers on first time; (2) Foxmania blinkers on first time; (3) Jessup blinkers on first time; (9) Wayhere barrier blanket on first time, cross-over noseband on first time, stallion chain off first time, tongue-tie on first time **RACE 3:** (1) Brier ear muffs on first time, pre-race ear muffs off first time; (4) Pride Of Pariah gelded; (5) Skilful Artist blinkers on first time; (9) Katerini lugging bit on first time, tongue-tie on first time; (11) Giuliano blinkers off first time, winkers on again; (14) Nicoise Girl lugging bit on first time **RACE 6:** (2) Fiftysevenyears tongue-tie on again; (5) Cryptic Clue visors on first time; (7) Albanian Icon blinkers on again; (11) Portobello Road off hind bandages off first time, cross-over noseband off first time **RACE 7:** (5) Viduka blinkers off first time, tongue-tie on first time, visors on first time; (6) Frostick blinkers on first time, winkers off first time; (10) Pudacious tongue-tie on first time **RACE 8:** (4) Pampuni blinkers off first time; (8) Surprise Valley blinkers on first time

6 4.00 BENCHMARK58 HANDICAP DD1 Q2

1514m. $35,000. 3yo & up Benchmark 58. Apprentices can claim.

1	61173	TRELOAR (11) (tw)	J Mott	62	90	8.50
2	663s3	FIFTYSEVENYEARS (NZ) (7) (d)	J Maskiell	61	95	★4.20
3	s104s	MAGNACE (NZ) (4) (w)	J McNeil	61	100	★4.20
4	56720	PAINT ME RED (NZ) (9) (dw)	L Bates (a3)	61	90	11.00
5	81900	CRYPTIC CLUE (8) (w)	B Higgins	60	87	41.00
6	s2681	DELTA SKY (12) (d)	S Brown Jnr	59	84	9.50
7	8s527	ALBANIAN ICON (3)	Ms T Childs (a1.5)	58.5	94	10.00
8	33546	KARATEMISS (2)	J Bowditch	58.5	90	11.00
9	9175s	REPARTER (10) (w)	L Cartwright (a3)	58.5	89	11.00
10	96641	NEVADA SHOWGIRL (1) (w)	Ms S Field (a3)	58	86	4.40
		EMERGENCIES				
11	00s9s	PORTOBELLO ROAD (6)	Scratched	56		–
12	55965	TORONOVA (5) (wn)		58	91	18.00

CRYPTIC CLUE 1, Nevada Showgirl 2, Delta Sky 3, Fiftysevenyears 4

TRELOAR (Luke Oliver) 5G By Real Impact (JPN) - Nubian (10-2-1-2): Gave good sight 2 len, 1-3/4 len 3rd of 8 (3) $13.00 59.0 Estrapar 1365m Traralgon (Bm64) Soft(6) Dec 10. Freshened. Turned in an improved performance at Traralgon last outing. Drawn off the track. In the mix.

FIFTYSEVENYEARS (Liam Howley) 4G By Street Boss (USA) - Belle Chanteder (NZ) (21-0-3): Raced wide without cover when hd, nk 3rd of 10 (9) $5.00 57.0 Nystrom 1514m Yarra Glen (Bm58) Good(4) Dec 22. Made the running and kept on to just miss in similar grade here last outing. Fitter. Strong claims.

MAGNACE (D T O'Brien) 4G By Almanzor (FR) - Assertiveobsession (6-1-0-0): First-up finished 2-1/2 len 4th of 12 (2) $5.50 58.0 Fire Glo Too 2100m Sandown-lakeside (Bm64) Soft(5) Aug 6. Resuming. Comes to hand quickly. Decent alley. Back to country level. Each way.

PAINT ME RED (Brett Scott) 7G By Battle Paint (USA) - Creme Glacee (45-5-7-6): Balanced up midfield when 4 len 10th of 14 (8) $18.00 59.0 Fire Of Etna 1414m Seymour 3yo+ Hcp(64) Good(4) Dec 21. Went to line only fairly in similar grade at Seymour last time out. Prefer others.

CRYPTIC CLUE (Matthew Brown) 4G By All Too Hard - Very Puzzling (6-1-0-0): Fair effort in 5 len 12th of 14 (9) $61.00 58.5 Fire Of Etna 1414m Seymour 3yo+ Hcp (64) Good(4) Dec 21. Went to line only fairly this level at Seymour last start. Not fancied.

DELTA SKY (S V Brown) 4M By Toronado (IRE) - Au Fait (8-1-1-2): Raced wide without cover, Tactics queried when 1-1/4 len win of 9 (7) $9.00 53.5 Delta Sky 1521m Geelong 3yo+ Mdn Good(4) Dec 15. Up on the pace and responded well to score at Geelong last outing. Include among the better chances.

ALBANIAN ICON (P Koumis) 4M By Holler - Brown Bombshell (13-1-1-0): Eased near 200m when 6 len 7th of 11 (10) $6.00 59.0 Fiorente Spritz 1850m Terang 3yo+ (Bm68) Good(3) Dec 19. Coming off an average run in similar company at Terang last outing. 1.5kg claimer engaged. Drawn to effect. Not out of this.

KARATEMISS (M J Ellerton) 5M By Scissor Kick - Total Discretion (29-3-1-4): Slowly away when 11 len 6th of 10 (4) $11.00 59.0 Nystrom 1514m Yarra Glen (Bm58) Good(4) Dec 22. Wasn't all that far away here last outing. Not likely.

REPARTER (Jason Evans) 6M By Press Statement - Hot Streak (16-2-3-2): Kept trying 4-1/2 len 5th of 10 (10) $5.50 59.0 Slate 1600m Pakenham Synthetic 3yo+ (Bm58) Synthetic Oct 4. Strips fitter for 1-3/4 len 4th of 7 (4) Ink Daddy 1100m Traralgon 2yo+ (Barrier Trial) Good(4) Dec 14. First-up. Drawn poorly. One for exotics.

NEVADA SHOWGIRL (T & C McEvoy) 3F By Boulder City - Bay Harmony (4-1-0-0): Positioned midfield when sht nk win of 9 (2) $4.20 56.0 Nevada Showgirl 1454m Kyneton 3yo+ Mdn Soft(5) Dec 14. Game win from off the pace at Kyneton last time out. 3kg claimer engaged. Well placed from the perfect draw. Strong claims.

PORTOBELLO ROAD (A Rosolini) 5G By Dream Ahead (USA) - Wroclaw (14-1-1-0): First up finished 10-1/4 len 8th of 8 (4) $101.00 54.0 Miss Moonshine 1600m Cranbourne 3yo+ Hcp (C1) Good(4) Sep 28. First-up from lengthy break. Fresh stats don't flatter. Rank outsider.

TORONOVA (J M Pankhurst) 5G By Toronado (IRE) - Miss Pavlova (51-3-4-2): Slowly away. Held up near 400m when 3 len 5th of 9 (5) $11.00 55.0 Solbrook Star 1600m Cranbourne 3yo+ (Bm64) Good(3) Dec 22. Ran home respectably at Cranbourne last time out. Each way.

7 4.30 UNITED PETROLEUM Q3

1009m. $35,000. Benchmark 58. Apprentices can claim.

1	s2221	MIDNIGHT DEVIL (7) (n)	L Cartwright (a3)	61.5	90	★1.85
2	9s634	BOO'S REWARD (8) (dw)	D Stackhouse	61	92	10.00
3	0s728	CITALEON (10) (w)	Ms J Beriman	61	99	23.00
4	6s193	FLYING FINCH (1) (dw)	Ms J Kennedy (a2)	61	87	13.00
5	87039	VIDUKA (4) (d)	C Rawiller	61	100	6.50
6	55s49	FROSTICK (3) (dw)	R O'Sullivan	60.5	99	41.00
7	1	HYBRID MOMENTS (5) (d)	Ms D Keane (a2)	60	93	4.60
8	6s703	TOM THE STAR (11) (d)	B Treloar (a4)	60	87	26.00
9	s78s1	ALBANIAN THUNDER (9) (dtc)	Ms T Childs (a1.5)	59	67	13.00
10	10866	PUDACIOUS (6) (d)	Ms L Burke (a4)	59	81	26.00
		EMERGENCY				
11	0s776	OAKLEIGH (2) (wn)	Ms C Hefel (a)	57.5	82	41.00

MIDNIGHT DEVIL 1, Hybrid Moments 2, Albanian Thunder 3, Flying Finch 4

8 5.00 BENCHMARK58 HANDICAP DD2 Q4

1209m. $35,000. 3yo & up F&M Benchmark 58. Apprentices can claim.

1	7s166	VOLPE RISORSA (5) (dw)	L Cartwright (a3)	63	100	7.50
2	3s1	YONGTAI (8)	Ms L Burke (a4)	62	96	8.50
3	s1233	COOL HEART (7)	D Stackhouse	61.5	100	5.00
4	s988s	PAMPUNI (10)	J Mott	61.5	99	11.00
5	3314s	AND SHE WAS (2) (dt)	T Nugent	61	99	13.00
6	478s1	CORONATION ALLY (4) (d)	T Prebble (a2)	61	75	19.00
7	2137s	QUEEN OF TUSCANY (13) (n)	J Bowditch	61	96	13.00
8	1s	SURPRISE VALLEY (1) (w)	J McNeil	61	96	★2.80
9	0s139	APPLEBY (11)	L Bates (a3)	60.5	97	6.00
10	199s5	IDEEL GIRL (12) (dw)	Scratched	60.5		–
		EMERGENCIES				
11	72847	SOUTHERN FIRE (9) (d)		60	93	19.00
12	97s31	ALBANIAN STAR (14) (d)	Ms S Clarke (a)	60	93	23.00
13	13436	TIMBERPRINCESS (3) (dw)	B Treloar (a4)	59.5	96	11.00
14	57s00	LIMA SPICE (6) (dw)	L King	59	93	81.00

CORONATION ALLY 1, Yongtai 2, Cool Heart 3, Albanian Star 4

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TAB MUSWELLBROOK RACES

TODAY **TAB CODE: SR**

DAILY DOUBLE 5 & 7
EARLY QUAD 1, 2, 3, 4
TREBLE 5, 6, 7
QUADDIE 4, 5, 6, 7

THE DETAILS

RAIL: True **TRACK:** Soft (5)

TAB FIXED ODDS ALL RACES

1 1.50 TEAM THOROUGHBRED NSW EQ1

1280m. $30,000. Maiden. Apprentices can claim.

	FORM	HORSE (BARRIER)	JOCKEY	WGT	RTG	ODDS
1		DYSART (11)	M Bell	59	83	8.00
2		MAD HARRY (8)	C Vitler (a2)	59	87	12.00
3	4	TAKEMINE (10)	A Bullock	58	98	3.60
4	3s3	ZIPPO IDEA (6)	R Jones	57	100	★1.85
5	0245s	ALL TOO ROSEY (2)	Ms M Fitzgerald (a2)	56.5	83	16.00
6	8070s	BIGBETTERBEST (3) (h)	K Jennings	56.5	74	151.00
7	333s7	JODY GIRL (9) (h)	G Buckley	56.5	90	12.00
8	645s5	JUST BREATHE (7)	B Nock (a1.5)	56.5	87	18.00
9	000s9	LADY IN MAY (1)	Ms C Hiller (a1.5)	56.5	79	151.00
10	76865	LADY OF ABUNDANCE (5) (h)	D McLellan	56.5	81	31.00
11	77840	LEE HAITCH OH (4) (h)	L Magorrian	56.5	84	151.00

ZIPPO IDEA 1, All Too Rosey 2, Takemine 3, Jody Girl 4

2 2.25 TAB HANDICAP EQ2

1750m. $22,000. Class 2. Apprentices can claim.

1	0s575	JAMROCK (9) (w)	J Van Overmeire	59.5	99	9.50
2	55s55	CRIME SPREE (4) (w)	B Nock (a1.5)	58.5	87	10.00
3	09671	ROLLED GOLD (6) (w)	A Bullock	57	90	10.00
4	04115	BLISS (3) (w)	C Gallagher	56.5	94	5.00
5	28s15	PERFECTION MAN (2)	Ms M Weir	56	92	21.00
6	36333	OODLES (12)	B Cray	55.5	100	17.00
7	9s71	OPUS (1) (w)	L Magorrian	55	81	★2.15
8	63634	NOTHING'S SACRED (NZ) (11) (twb)	R Jones	55	93	17.00
9	1s444	BIG TIME CHARLIE (7)	M Bell	55	97	10.00
10	3207s	NEWFANGLED JILL (5) (tw)	Ms S McDonough (a3)	55	80	71.00
11	27832	KYANITE (10) (w)	J Pracey-Holmes	55	89	34.00
12	7s591	CURRENCY QUEEN (8) (w)		55	72	81.00

OPUS 1, Rolled Gold 2, Jamrock 3, Oodles 4

3 3.05 HORSEPOWER - HEAT OF THE RISING STAR EQ3

1000m. $27,000. Class 2. Apprentice riders only.

1	25s56	OSTERBERG (13) (dw)	Scratched	61		–
2	04554	RAKOMELO (3) (wn)	B Nock (a1.5)	61	100	9.00
3	11s7	WHO GOES THERE (8) (dw)	C Vitler (a2)	61	99	7.00
4	487s2	ELEGANT EMPRESS (9) (d)	Ms R Bassett Prag (a3)	59.5	95	★4.40
5	1651s	KISSING SUPIDO (15) (w)	Ms C Hiller (a1.5)	59.5	100	8.50
6	11s57	STENSON WALLMAN (4) (dtc)	M Stapleford (a3)	59.5	100	6.00
7	0748s	CROP DUSTER (6) (w)	Ms S McDonough (a3)	58	98	19.00
8	17585	HE'S PURRING (2) (d)	Ms A Roper (a)	58	89	23.00
9	51s	NAVY BLOOD (12)	Z Wadick (a)	58	93	★4.40
10	3363s	HARD TO DISMISS (11) (w)	Jett Stanley (a)	57.5	99	9.50
11	1s245	LINE OF LAW (17) (d)	Scratched	56.5		–
12	0s314	ZOE SHARK (10) (d)	Ms C Houlgatte (a2)	56.5	92	13.00
		EMERGENCIES				
13	1053s	CUPID'S KISS (5) (dwh)		55	90	151.00
14	s0884	DEECE SCENT KISS (1) (wn)	Ms A McLucas (a)	55	84	151.00
15	10822	RICHATTACK (18) (d)	Ms M Fitzgerald (a2)	55	93	51.00
16	726s6	MARAMOTI (NZ) (14)		55	86	126.00
17	2335s	KEGSTAR (7) (w)		55	89	81.00
18	7490s	SILICA SAND (16) (w)		55	83	126.00

WHO GOES THERE 1, Elegant Empress 2, Rakomelo 3, Richattack 4

4 3.40 PIRTEK MUSWELLBROOK HCP Q1

900m. $27,000. Maiden. Apprentices can claim.

1		MAXIMUM RIDE (1)	A Bullock	59	84	34.00
2		THE TED STAR (14)	O Gibbons (a)	59	86	34.00
3	55s62	SUPER STORY (5)	M Stapleford (a3)	58	96	5.50
4	6s	ROCKET THE WRECKER (17) (t)	J Pracey-Holmes	57.5	77	151.00
5	08s	RELATED DUTY (11)	H Van Der Hoven	57	81	71.00
6	34s76	CATCHY TUNES (8)	R Jones	56.5	99	11.00
7	537s5	QUEEN MAXIMA (15)	A Morgan	56	100	7.50
8	6950s	GUMAGAWAX (6)	D Northey	55.5	93	34.00
9		JOISELLE (16)	M Bell	55.5	90	★2.60
10		MAGNUCAT (9)	R Downey	55.5	84	4.00
11		NICCI ROCKS (4)	J Van Overmeire	55.5	76	34.00
12	0s	AWESOME ICON (2)	Ms A Roper (a)	55	80	151.00
13	557s	INFINITE ROSE (13)		55	93	19.00
14	7s	MISCAVOLINI (7)	B Nock (a1.5)	55	88	17.00
		EMERGENCIES				
15	5674s	UNCLE ALF (12)		55.5	93	26.00
16	53826	SERIFICE (18) (h)	D McLellan	55	92	26.00
17	609s8	SISTER JOSEPHINE (10) (h)		55	87	51.00
18	0s0s9	AL'S ROSE (3)	Ms C Hiller (a1.5)	55	74	151.00

SUPER STORY 1, Queen Maxima 2, Magnucat 3, Miscavolini 4

5 4.20 TAB HANDICAP DD1 Q2

1500m. $30,000. Benchmark 66. Apprentices can claim.

1	711s9	AESTHETE (GB) (6) (dw)	A Bullock	58.5	97	9.00
2	43s34	ZOFFANY'S GAZE (12) (w)	K Jennings	58.5	96	14.00
3	s4414	BURRANEER BUOY (1) (h)	R Downey	58	95	10.00
4	15s37	MANGOOLA (11) (dtcwb)	B Nock (a1.5)	58	87	14.00
5	s4s34	MUSICAL AFFAIR (3) (dtc)	C Gallagher	58	100	6.00
6	27837	SEETHING SEB (4) (dw)		57.5	93	18.00
7	25521	CAPITAL GAMBLE (7)	D McLellan	56.5	95	11.00
8	47535	AARKUS (8)	G Buckley	56	90	26.00
9	2s860	FACT FINDER (2) (w)	Ms C Hiller (a1.5)	56	90	61.00
10	618s6	PROUD WITH PRIDE (9) (w)	M Bell	55.5	91	14.00
11	322s1	TAPA KICK (5)	A Morgan	55.5	98	★2.30
12	s3513	I AM CONVINCING (10) (w)	M Stapleford (a3)	55	90	15.00

TAPA KICK 1, Burraneer Buoy 2, I Am Convincing 3, Mangoola 4

6 4.55 MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST SALE 9-16 JAN. Q3

1280m. $22,000. Class 1. Apprentices can claim.

1	152s6	GARDENZIO (13)	K Jennings	61.5	96	9.00
2	72s19	FERRO VERO (10)	A Bullock	59	100	★2.40
3	7s15	LONG MEMORY (NZ) (12)		59	90	13.00
4	44723	ALWAYS IN (14) (w)	J Van Overmeire	58.5	99	6.00
5	21s5	HOT BANDIT (5) (w)	M Bell	57.5	92	6.50
6	460s9	SELFIE TIME (NZ) (11) (w)	A Morgan	57.5	85	71.00
7	50s21	STOCK THE ROSE (NZ) (2)	A Gibbons	57.5	93	12.00
8	315s6	LORD FINLAND (7) (w)	Ms A Roper (a)	57	89	26.00
9	15532	EDGE OF MIDNIGHT (3) (db)	R Jones	56.5	87	8.50
10	26s68	MARYLAND BRIDGE (4) (w)	C Gallagher	56.5	86	26.00
11	1s5	DEEBO (1) (w)	G Buckley	56	90	19.00
12	56124	GOLD SMILES (8) (w)		56	88	51.00
13	82168	FINANCE PARTNER (9)	J Pracey-Holmes	55	83	151.00
14	48s46	IRISH KIN (6) (dwh)	D McLellan	55	85	101.00

STOCK THE ROSE 1, Edge Of Midnight 2, Always In 3, Long Memory 4

7 5.35 HUNTER THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS ASSOC DD2 Q4

1500m. $27,000. Maiden SW. Apprentices can claim.

1	24s52	MEDINAH (11) (b)	A Bullock	59	100	5.00
2	4s3s4	SOVEREIGN DANE (NZ) (7)	A Morgan	59	93	★3.90
3	2	BLEND OF THREE (19)	Scratched	57.5		–
4	7	MORE STARDOM (12)	J Van Overmeire	57.5	69	151.00
5		SIR LIMESTAR (4)	S Lisnyy	57.5	77	71.00
6		SON O' WAR (NZ) (15)	A Gibbons	57.5	82	71.00
7	66638	DUNALOCE (6)	K Jennings	57	92	8.50
8	s8553	LADY BRULEE (3) (b)	M Bell	57	92	12.00
9	4742s	LOVELY THOUGHTS (NZ) (20)		57	87	26.00
10	8742	OAKFIELD ZENA (17)		57	87	13.00
11	25	FRENCHBURG (18)	C Gallagher	55.5	90	19.00
12	3	IMAGE OF THE SUN (8)	G Buckley	55.5	93	5.50
13		REAL LOOSE (NZ) (5)	D Keenan	55.5	81	34.00
14	70s3	UP AND COMER (1)	H Van Der Hoven	55.5	97	10.00
		EMERGENCIES				
15	s5479	SINGLE SHOT (2)	L Magorrian	59	83	21.00
16	7684	PRESIDENT VICTORY (9)		59	85	41.00
17	74	MISSION MUMMABEAR (16)		55.5	90	71.00
18	47s66	SPIRAL ARCHITECT (IRE) (14)	Ms M Weir	59	86	23.00
19	0	TWENTY FOUR GUNS (NZ) (10) (b)		57.5	75	81.00
20	0s704	THINK'N LUCKY (13)		59	68	41.00

IMAGE OF THE SUN 1, Lady Brulee 2, Up And Comer 3, Medinah 4

GEAR CHANGES

RACE 1: (1) Dysart gelded; (2) Mad Harry gelded **RACE 2:** (5) Perfection Man blinkers off first time **RACE 3:** (1) Osterberg cross-over noseband on first time, tongue-tie on first time; (5) Kissing Supido winkers off again; (6) Stenson Wallman tongue-tie on first time **RACE 4:** (1) Maximum Ride gelded; (4) Rocket The Wrecker bit lifter off first time, tongue-tie on first time; (8) Gumagawax nose roll off first time, winkers off first time; (14) Miscavolini pre-race ear muffs on first time **RACE 5:** (9) Fact Finder blinkers off first time **RACE 6:** (11) Deebo winkers on first time **RACE 7:** (5) Sir Limestar gelded; (6) Son O' War gelded; (19) Twenty Four Guns blinkers on first time, winkers off first time

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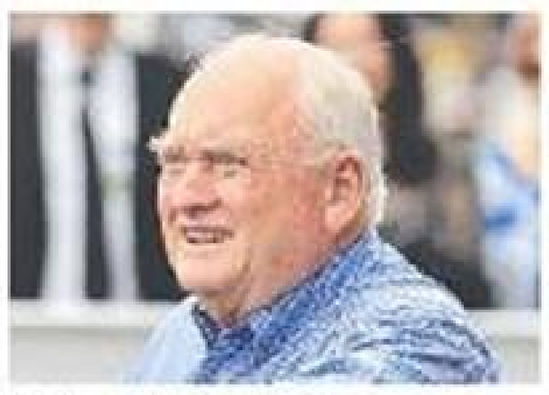
But Conners filly is no joke

Mitch Cohen



Trainer Clarry Conners

A promising filly named following a comical phone call with larrikin owner John Singleton could have gun trainer Clarry Conners dreaming of another Golden Slipper tilt after Friday.

Mrs Maree will make her highly anticipated debut for Conners' yard at Canterbury Park as she looks to lay down an autumn marker for the stable.

The daughter of Written Tycoon is raced by longtime client Singleton, with whom Conners combined to win the 2000 Golden Slipper with Belle De Jour.

Their latest filly had remained nameless leading into her first trial before a phone call with Conners' wife Maree.

"Maree rang him up and said 'John, you still don't have a name for that filly' and he rung back and said 'I just named it Mrs Maree'," Conners said.

"When he rings me now, he asks me how 'Maree' is going and I tell him both are well."

Singleton famously shouted the bar when Belle Du Jour won an amazing Slipper.

It was Conners' fourth win in the race after he had first claimed the Slipper with two-year-old triple crown winner Tierce in 1991 before Burst completed the same feat for the stable a year later.

Prowl delivered Conners his third Slipper victory in 1998.

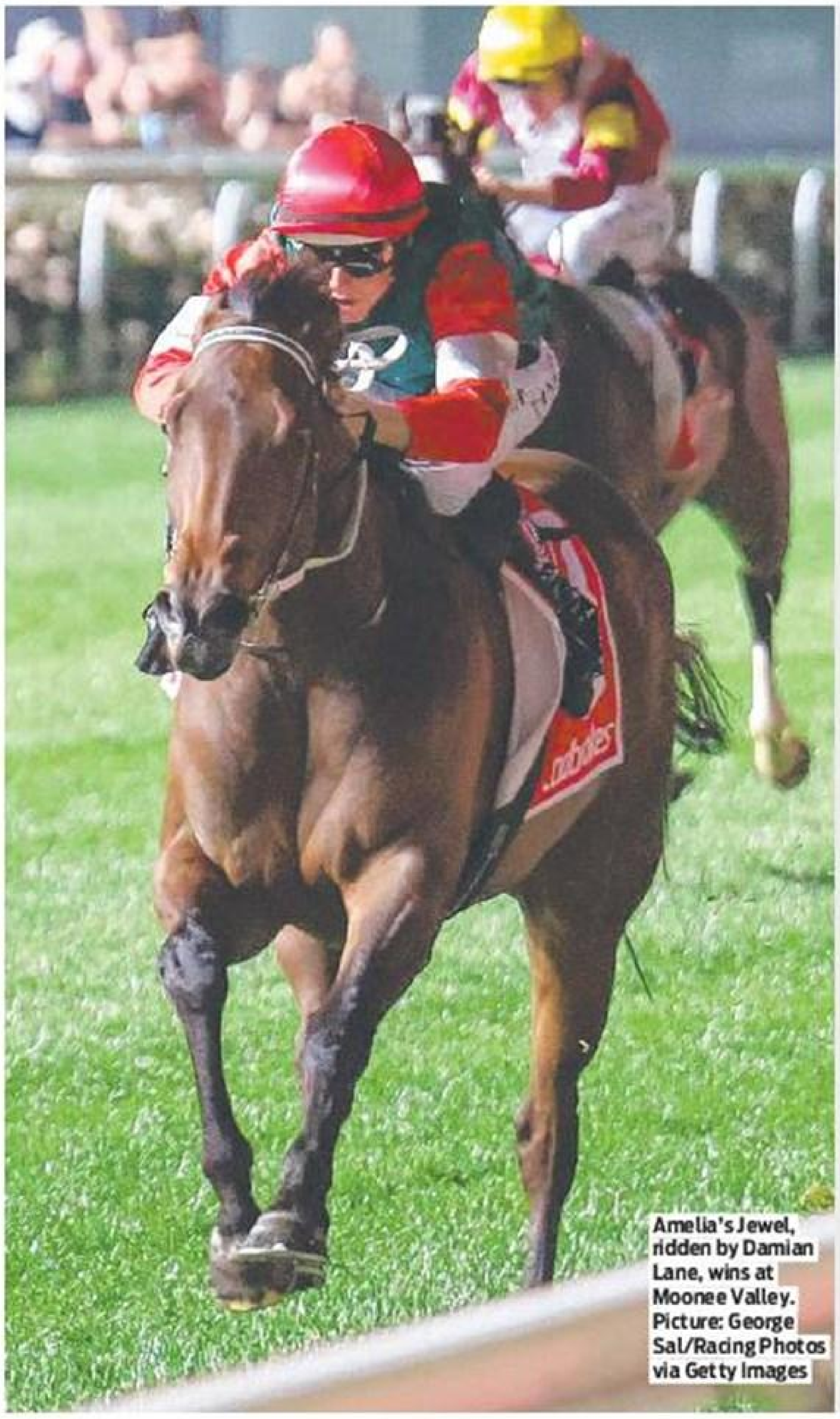
While the Canterbury Park meeting on Friday is a long way from the Slipper, Conners has been impressed with what he's seen from Mrs Maree in the lead-up to her debut.

The daughter of Written Tycoon has won both trials this preparation at Wyong and Rosehill Gardens before her debut in the Bivouac First Yearlings Maiden Handicap (1100m).

"She is a very kind filly and is very athletic looking," Conners said. "She is a dream to train. There are no tricks to her, she is just so easy to train and she shows a fair bit of potential."

Mrs Maree was snapped up for $500,000 at last year's Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale for Singleton.

Even before her first race start, Mrs Maree is a $51 chance for this year's Golden Slipper.



Amelia's Jewel, ridden by Damian Lane, wins at Moonee Valley. Picture: George Sal/Racing Photos via Getty Images

Jewel to bypass big Mile

Chris Vernuccio

Simon Miller has confirmed West Australian star Amelia's Jewel will stay home in the autumn before he considers a return to the east for a possible tilt at The Everest.

With the Group 1-winning mare due to return to work next week, Miller decided against another trip to Melbourne for the $4m All-Star Mile (March 16), opting to instead target the $5m The Quokka (1200m) in April.

The Perth trainer said the Melbourne autumn would come too soon for Amelia's Jewel, who is returning from an injury sustained in the Golden Eagle last November.

Amelia's Jewel needed stitches for a laceration to her near-fore fetlock that required her to remain under vet supervision before she was allowed to fly back to WA.

"She'll come back into work next week," Miller said.

"Her action is really good. When I brought her back from Sydney I put her into work for a week to just have a look at her in action and her attitude was perfect, so she went out on a good note.

"I just thought the autumn was too close for the All-Star Mile.

"She'd only have a few weeks off and everything went wrong in Sydney after she picked up that bug in Melbourne."

Amelia's Jewel finished a close second to Overpass in last year's inaugural The Quokka. She'll again use the Group 3 Roma Cup (1100m) as her only lead-up run.

RACE RESULTS

SEYMOUR GALLOPS

Track: Soft (5)

DAILY DOUBLE: 12 Winds Of March 10 Harmonious Senora $142.40. Subs: 1 7.

TREBLE: 12 Winds Of March 2 Real Gun 10 Harmonious Senora $1,197.70. Subs: 1 1 7.

EARLY QUADDIE: 11 Magwazi 11 Savee 14 Maisy 14 The Autumn Belle $1,059.00. Subs: 2 3 13 14.

QUADDIE: 11 Yosemite Falls 12 Winds Of March 2 Real Gun 10 Harmonious Senora $5,002.80. Subs: 1 1 1 1 7.

1—KELVIN LUBECK PLUMBING MDN PLATE 1000m: 4.40 MAGWAZI (ch F 3y Magnus - Belwazi. Trainer: Jerome Hunter) 56 (Matthew Cartwright) 1, 8.00 GROUSE MOUNTAIN 56 (Teodore Nugent) 2, 14.00 CLEVER ILLUSION 58 (Tahlia Hope) 3. Then followed: 4.40 Glowlight 41.00 I'M Back In Town 2.00 fav Been Our Angel 101.00 Lenlenni Scr: Jalpido, Demojo, Halvar, Soho Coco. NK, HH. Time: 0:57.82. **Tab Nos: 11 Magwazi $4.40 $2.20 10 Grouse Mountain $3.30 3 Clever Illusion NTD. Quinella: $17.40. Exacta: $25.60. Trifecta: $147.80. Duets: F-F: Not won pool jackpots. First 4: (11 10 3 7) $509.10. Scr: 1,4,5,9.**

2—FOWLES WINES MDN PLATE 1100m: 6.50 SAVEE (b F 3y Grunt (NZ) - Celebrity Belle. Trainer: D T O'Brien) 57 (W Egan) 1, 1.65 fav INEZ 57 (B Shinn) 2, 9.00 SONTAY 57 (Tahlia Hope) 3. Then followed: 11.00 Onnamusha 8.50 Major Lady 51.00 Mysterious Girl 101.00 Native Honor 31.00 Migratory 21.00 Fairy Miss Scr: Chica Con Suerte, Nicoise Girl, Puzzle Miss, Twopence, Yeronga Songbird, Oh So Vein, Iguassu, Abovethefrostline. NK, 1-1/4 len. Time: 1:04.18. **Tab Nos: 11 Savee $6.50 $1.70 3 Inez $1.00 12 Sontay $2.10. Quinella: $3.80. Exacta: $13.20. Trifecta: $43.20. Duets: 11-3: $1.80, 11-12: $3.20, 3-12: $2.60. First 4: (11 3 12 9) $122.00. Scr: 1,8,10,13,14,15,16,17.**

3—G.D & S.L O'SULLIVAN BUILDERS MDN PLATE 1300m: 7.00 MAISY (br/bl F 3y Pierro - Girl Gone Rockin'. Trainer: M, W & J Hawkes) 56 (Jordan Childs) 1, 3.10 fav LUIJZIKA 56 (Beau Mertens) 2, 4.40 GHIDI 57.5 (Neil Farley) 3. Then followed: 5.50 Starton 31.00 Powerful Torque 51.00 Looks Like Ike 12.00 Aquilanova 5.50 Cumin Spinner Scr: Admirals Ahoy, Amerigo Man, Ceremonious, Genrichero, Hell, Just Landed, Barefoot Tora, Fakhra, Fossetta, Leeonardo. SH, 5 len. Time: 1:16.01. **Tab Nos: 14 Maisy $7.50 $1.90 13 Luijzika $1.40 16 Ghidi $1.50. Quinella: $10.10. Exacta: $13.00. Trifecta: $68.30. Duets: 14-13: $4.10, 14-16: $5.30, 13-16: $2.70. First 4: (14 13 16 9) $267.80. Scr: 1,3,4,5,6,11,12,15,18,2(L).**

Track Changed To Good (4)

4—BET365 MDN PLATE 1600m: 1.70 fav THE AUTUMN BELLE (ch F 3y The Autumn Sun - Winning Belle (NZ). Trainer: Henry Dwyer) 56 (Madison Lloyd) 1, 7.50 BRUNGLE CREEK 59.5 (B Mc Dougall) 2, 51.00 SCORPION BAY 58 (Lachlan King) 3. Then followed: 5.50 Zoujaa 14.00 So Distinguished 31.00 Dusty's Reward 8.50 Phair Plan 19.00 Ala Mana Woo 101.00 Mr Fulltime Scr: Boondocks, I'm Exonerated, Whispering Pharaoh, Miss Greysfull, Queen Beira, Thanks Emmeline. 2-1/2 len, 2-1/4 len. Time: 1:36.94. **Tab Nos: 14 The Autumn Belle $1.70 $1.30 1 Brungle Creek $1.70 8 Scorpion Bay $9.60. Quinella: $5.10. Exacta: $7.10. Trifecta: $192.50. Duets: 14-1: $3.20, 14-8: $12.20, 1-8: $46.80. First 4: (14 1 8 5) $431.50. Scr: 7,10,11,13,15,6(L).**

5—VALE PAUL (PEGSY) EGAN (BM64) 1600m: 3.40 fav YOSEMITE FALLS (b F 3y Dundeel (NZ) - Ruby Falls. Trainer: Archie Alexander) 55.5 (Beau Mertens) 1, 4.80 ILUVCOFFEE 57.5 (J Bowditch) 2, 5.00 MAKALU 58.5 (J Maskiell) 3. Then followed: 9.00 Pendante 5.50 Lady Tino 9.50 Blesk 14.00 Under The Rock 26.00 Toronova Scr: Nursery Chime, Haaland, The Ballet Dancer, Battle Sound, Boldazz. 1 len, HH. Time: 1:36.37. **Tab Nos: 11 Yosemite Falls $3.40 $1.50 8 Iluvcoffee $1.90 4 Makalu $1.90. Quinella: $10.40. Exacta: $17.70. Trifecta: $62.30. Duets: 11-8: $4.00, 11-4: $4.30, 8-4: $4.20. First 4: (11 8 4 9) $360.40. Scr: 2,3,7,13,6(L).**

6—MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST JAN 9-16 (BM64) 2200m: 9.50 WINDS OF MARCH (b G 5y Tarzino (NZ) - Palace Of Winds (IRE). Trainer: Simon Zahra) 57.5 (J Mott) 1, 3.90 TEWKESBURY 59 (L Currie) 2, 6.00 MILETUS 58 (Jordan Childs) 3. Then followed: 6.00 Highland Hill 26.00 Tallingas Prince 8.50 Del Campo 31.00 Glens Top Cat (IRE) 3.80 fav Brungle Raider 15.00 Hollandia Scr: Sound Of Cannons, Wetakemanhattan, Stormy Grey, Jenni Contessa. 3-1/2 len, SN. Time: 2:17.14. **Tab Nos: 12 Divs: Winds Of March $9.50 $3.00 6 Tewkesbury $1.60 10 Miletus $1.50. Quinella: $16.80. Exacta: $40.10. Trifecta: $222.30. Duets: 12-6: $7.20, 12-10: $7.60, 6-10: $4.00. First 4: (12 6 10 7) $1,833.10. Scr: 2,3,5,13.**

7—C.J & J.C CONSTABLE MEMORIAL (BM64) 1100m: 7.50 REAL GUN (b G 7y Reward For Effort - Winger. Trainer: S A McIntosh) 61.5 (Jack Hill) 1, 17.00 KUMICHO 60 (Jye McNeil) 2, 6.50 SHAMBO 59.5 (L Currie) 3. Then followed: 2.60 fav Propice 26.00 Demon Blood 15.00 Moon Yanco 8.50 New Hampshire 5.50 Starlea 15.00 Nicajon Scr: Hydro Star, Nordic, Russian Front, Tiffany Valentine, Diamond Witness. 1/2 len, 1-1/4 len. Time: 1:03.61. **Tab Nos: 2 Real Gun $7.20 $2.40 4 Kumicho $4.60 5 Shambo $2.10. Quinella: $59.60. Exacta: $98.90. Trifecta: $488.00. Duets: 2-4: $18.00, 2-5: $9.10, 4-5: $12.10. First 4: (2 4 5 1) $2,544.90. Scr: 6,9,10,13,14.**

8—BEER AUTO GROUP (BM64) 1300m: 9.50 HARMONIOUS SENORA (ch M 4y Glass Harmonium (IRE) - Senora Vega. Trainer: Charmaine Barnes) 58.5 (John Allen) 1, 6.50 MAGARTEN 60.0 cd 57 (Luke Cartwright) 2, 15.00 NUMPTY 59 (W Egan) 3. Then followed: 9.50 Diddley Squat 31.00 Lord Sundowner 4.20 fav Perfect Ending 7.00 Charming Di 12.00 Pampuni 15.00 Party At Artie's 19.00 Nay Hay Hay 10.00 Kew Player 17.00 Optume Scr: Signal, Squami, She's Notorious, Jennivamoose, Designer Dreamer, Zoupurring. HN, SH. Time: 1:16.51. **Tab Nos: 10 Harmonious Senora $9.30 $3.40 5 Magarten $3.10 8 Numpty $3.60. Quinella: $35.10. Exacta: $64.90. Trifecta: $814.20. Duets: 10-5: $11.50, 10-8: $21.00, 5-8: $12.10. First 4: (10 5 8 1) Not won pool jackpots. Scr: 3,4,12,13,17,18.**

KEMBLA GRANGE GALLOPS

Track: Heavy (9)

DAILY DOUBLE: 2 Katsumoto 3 Gelatin $5.60. Subs: 2 1.

TREBLE: 2 Katsumoto 5 Zarrose 3 Gelatin $29.10. Subs: 2 3 1.

EARLY QUADDIE: 4 Quinky Deel 11 Prince Of Arendell 2 Restonica 2 Zaragoza $124.80. Subs: 4 2 2 2.

QUADDIE: 2 Zaragoza 2 Katsumoto 5 Zarrose 3 Gelatin $35.60. Subs: 2 2 3 1.

1—PFD FOOD SERVICES MDN HCP 1600m: 4.40 fav QUINKY DEEL (b G 3y Dundeel (NZ) - Marquardt (NZ). Trainer: D Lane) 58.0 cd 56 (Anna Roper) 1, 51.00 ALL ABOVE 59 (Peter Wells) 2, 10.00 OAKFIELD ZENA 57 (Tyler Schiller) 3. Then followed: 7.00 Margaret's Missile 9.50 Yachtie 8.50 Paziah 4.80 Cohesive 21.00 Rocket Dutta 4.80 Zoukeeper 26.00 Hillbilly Pickin' Scr: Santos El Halper. LH, NS. Time: 1:39.84. (Last 600m 0:37.28). **Tab Nos: 4 Quinky Deel $4.00 $1.80 1 All Above $10.70 8 Oakfield Zena $2.40. Quinella: $143.70. Exacta: $203.60. Trifecta: $1,554.50. Duets: 4-1: $35.10, 4-8: $6.90, 1-8: $66.80. First 4: (4 1 8 3) $3,405.60. Scr: 5.**

2—CANADIAN CLUB PLATE (C1) 2000m: 7.00 PRINCE OF ARENDELL (b G 3y Dundeel (NZ) - Princess Anna. Trainer: P & P Snowden) 55 (Tommy Berry) 1, 4.80 MYSTIC DIVA 55.0 cd 52 (Molly Bourke) 2, 1.85 fav WHATADILEMMA 59 (Tyler Schiller) 3. Then followed: 4.20 Denarau Scr: Silent Russian, Beachman, Alpine Kandy, Blind Date, Dark Lever, Electric Tigress, Laskarina, Sir Maurice. 1-1/2 len, 1 len. Time: 2:07.70. (Last 600m 0:36.78). **Tab Nos: 11 Prince Of Arendell $8.40 NPP 10 Mystic Diva NPP 2 Whatadilemma NPP. Quinella: $10.30. Exacta: $36.20. Trifecta: $32.00. Duets: F-F: Not won pool jackpots. First 4: (11 10 2 3) $47.20. Scr: 1,4,5,6,7,8,9,12.**

3—PERONI SUPER MDN PLATE 1400m: 1.75 fav RESTONICA (b C 3y Exceed And Excel - Ghisoni. Trainer: James Cummings) 57.5 (Tommy Berry) 1, 11.00 LA FRECCIA 55.5 (Tyler Schiller) 2, 16.00 NOBLE TESS 55.5 (Tom Sherry) 3. Then followed: 21.00 Tom Cruising 3.50 Late Night Talking 10.00 Kimono 31.00 Sassan 101.00 Holdontoyasuper Scr: Ghaznavi, Spanish Fox, Speymalt, Thaibeefsalade. 1-1/4 len, 1-1/2 len. Time: 1:25.60. (Last 600m 0:35.81). **Tab Nos: 2 Restonica $1.90 $1.10 9 La Freccia $2.00 11 Noble Tess $2.50. Quinella: $6.40. Exacta: $6.40. Trifecta: $57.50. Duets: 2-9: $3.20, 2-11: $3.80, 9-11: $11.50. First 4: (2 9 11 4) $489.00. Scr: 1,3,6,12.**

4—CARLTON DRAUGHT MDN HCP 1200m: 1.55 fav ZARAGOZA (br G 4y Street Boss (USA) - Jerezana. Trainer: James Cummings) 59.5 (Zac Lloyd) 1, 8.00 HELL'S ITCH 58.5 (K S Latham) 2, 9.00 REIBY PRINCESS 55.5 (Ms R Freeman) 3. Then followed: 11.00 Mr Showman 61.00 Skiting 7.50 December Sky 41.00 Played An Ace 101.00 Prancing Lass 16.00 Pressilly Scr: Seton Hall, Proceed, Lonhanova, Octogram, Decisively, Elizabethan, Gigi Fille. 1-1/2 len, HH. Time: 1:12.85. (Last 600m 0:35.51). **Tab Nos: 2 Zaragoza $1.50 $1.00 3 Hell's Itch $1.80 11 Reiby Princess $2.20. Quinella: $4.30. Exacta: $5.60. Trifecta: $24.70. Duets: 2-3: $2.00, 2-11: $2.90, 3-11: $6.60. First 4: (2 3 11 13) $95.60. Scr: 1,5,6,7,8,9,12.**

5—ELITE SAND & SOIL MIDWAY HCP (C1) 1200m: 1.40 fav KATSUMOTO (b G 4y Unusual Suspect (USA) - Yo Yo (NZ). Trainer: Michael Freedman) 58.5 (Tommy Berry) 1, 9.00 NARRATIVE 56 (Zac Lloyd) 2, 19.00 DIRECT FIRE 55 (Ms K Nisbet) 3. Then followed: 20.00 River Frost 8.00 Off Da Hizzle 11.00 Cani Cancan 18.00 The Gift Scr: King Of Dubai, Maz Kanata, Diamond Lucy, Go Isla Go, Not That Easy. 1/2 len, 1-3/4 len. Time: 1:11.77. (Last 600m 0:35.15). **Tab Nos: 2 Katsumoto $1.40 $1.20 4 Narrative $3.60 9 Direct Fire NTD. Quinella: $5.20. Exacta: $5.60. Trifecta: $31.80. Duets: F-F: Not won pool jackpots. First 4: (2 4 9 6) $171.30. Scr: 1,3,5,7,10.**

6—MWN SHEETMETAL 20 YEARS (BM64) 1400m: 3.50 ZARROSE (b/br F 3y Exosphere - Rewaaya (NZ). Trainer: P & P Snowden) 57.5 (Tommy Berry) 1, 2.70 fav SHE'S UNUSUAL 58 (Tyler Schiller) 2, 11.00 UNDERGROUND MUSIC 56.5 (R Downey) 3. Then followed: 5.50 Rapid Outlaw 10.00 Altrove 16.00 Long Memory 9.00 The Artefact Scr: Buba, Dubai Empress, Talento, Starstruck Barbie. 1/2 len, 2-1/2 len. Time: 1:25.22. (Last 600m 0:36.34). **Tab Nos: 5 Zarrose $3.60 $2.00 3 She's Unusual $1.50 10 Underground Music NTD. Quinella: $4.70. Exacta: $7.10. Trifecta: $57.30. Duets: F-F: Not won pool jackpots. First 4: (5 3 10 7) $122.50. Scr: 4,6,8,11.**

7—EVERGREEN TURF AUSTRALIA (BM64) 1400m: 3.70 GELATIN (b C 3y Snitzel - Jellicles. Trainer: Michael Freedman) 59.5 (R Hutchings) 1, 9.50 LOUIE'S LEGACY 59.0 cd 56 (Jake Barrett) 2, 11.00 NOBLE ATTACK 57.5 (K S Latham) 3. Then followed: 9.50 Reggie's Folly 19.00 By Nine 3.10 fav Tipitina 6.50 Lysander 13.00 Denman Star 91.00 Westgrove Scr: Moorestown, The Himalayas, Zedari, Apollo Mission, Vegas Dream. LN, HD. Time: 1:25.68. (Last 600m 0:36.00). **Tab Nos: 3 Gelatin $4.00 $1.40 4 Louie's Legacy $2.90 9 Noble Attack $3.00. Quinella: $18.00. Exacta: $34.60. Trifecta: $182.60. Duets: 3-4: $5.70, 3-9: $6.90, 4-9: $10.20. First 4: (3 4 9 7) $952.00. Scr: 2,10,12,13,14.**

MT GAMBIER GALLOPS

Track: Good (4)

DAILY DOUBLE: 4 Cranc 1 Dale's Rocket $10.40. Subs: 1 1.

TREBLE: 4 Cranc 3 Maddison Miss 1 Dale's Rocket $37.50. Subs: 1 3 1.

EARLY QUADDIE: 1 Red Patrol 8 Zeehak 6 Ovabent 3 Bolt By $216.70. Subs: 1 2 8 1.

QUADDIE: 3 Bolt By 4 Cranc 3 Maddison Miss 1 Dale's Rocket $157.30. Subs: 1 1 3 1.

1—EDI TREE & GARDEN (BM64) 2066m: 1.30 fav RED PATROL (ch G 6y Ocean Park (NZ) - Dazzling (NZ). Trainer: Wayne Walters) 60 (Ms K Walters) 1, 4.60 EIGHT SHOUT'S 57 (Harry Grace) 2, 9.00 SESAR 54 (Alana Livesey) 3. Then followed: 21.00 Enrico Pallazzo 61.00 Ollifoot Scr: Scandalous Scarlet. 3/4 len, 1 len. Time: 2:11.03. **Tab Nos: 1 Red Patrol $1.20 $1.10 2 Eight Shout's $1.40 4 Sesar NTD. Quinella: $1.90. Exacta: $1.80. Trifecta: $3.60. First 4: (1 2 4 5) $4.30. Scr: 3.**

2—FINNS FINE FOOD MDN HCP 908m: 4.00 ZEEHAK (b/br M 4y Epaulette - Rhythm Beat (NZ). Trainer: M R Sharp) 54.5 (Harry Grace) 1, 7.00 RADIANT KNIGHT 55.5 cd 54 (Tayla Childs) 2, 1.80 fav MAGIC FIELD 57 (Jessica Eaton) 3. Then followed: 14.00 Falling Leaves 151.00 Caerau Girl 51.00 Wayed's Honour 41.00 Ildiko 9.00 Deep Reflection 151.00 Daniel My Brother 81.00 Miss Centauri Scr: Yip Yip Yip. 1/2 len, SN. Time: 0:53.06. **Tab Nos: 8 Zeehak $4.70 $1.30 7 Radiant Knight $1.60 2 Magic Field $1.20. Quinella: $12.00. Exacta: $20.80. Trifecta: $42.50. Duets: 8-7: $3.30, 8-2: $1.80, 7-2: $1.90. First 4: (8 7 2 3) $125.70. Scr: 10.**

3—CARLIN & GAZZARD SUMMER CUP SUNDAY 21 JANUARY MDN PLATE 1315m: 7.00 OVABENT (br G 3y Hellbent - La Lova. Trainer: Peter Hardacre) 56.5 (Harry Grace) 1, 6.00 WHAT A FLIRT 56 (Tom Madden) 2, 3.60 LOVE YOU BELLE 56 (Kayla Crowther) 3. Then followed: 11.00 Wild Ralph 31.00 Interfering 21.00 Tom's Shout 101.00 Monochromatic 14.00 Dangerous Secret 3.50 fav Rocklea 101.00 Hudson Charles 15.00 Offcast 61.00 Al Nazari Scr: Comanche Queen. LN, 1/2 len. Time: 1:19.52. **Tab Nos: 6 Ovabent $7.60 $2.50 12 What A Flirt $2.30 8 Love You Belle $1.40. Quinella: $29.60. Exacta: $54.80. Trifecta: $160.10. Duets: 6-12: $9.10, 6-8: $4.70, 12-8: $4.10. First 4: (6 12 8 5) $1,746.80. Scr: 13.**

4—SCOTT GROUP OF COMPANIES (BM70) 1565m: 6.00 BOLT BY (b G 6y Night Of Thunder (IRE) - Scarlet Moretta. Trainer: Jordan Frew) 58.0 cd 55 (Zoe Lloyd) 1, 31.00 FULL OF DASH 54 (Ms C Puls) 2, 1.70 fav WILD WILLY 60 (Jacob Opperman) 3. Then followed: 12.00 Innocent Pegg 3.40 Fast 'N' Forward 26.00 Vancouver Velvet Scr: West Cliff. HD, 3/4 len. Time: 1:36.85. **Tab Nos: 3 Bolt By $5.40 $1.90 6 Full Of Dash $5.50 1 Wild Willy NTD. Quinella: $57.10. Exacta: $64.00. Trifecta: $134.80. First 4: (3 6 1 7) $642.60. Scr: 4.**

5—CARLTON DRAUGHT (BM64) 1215m: 2.60 CRANC (b G 6y Fighting Sun - Maie Casey (GB). Trainer: P W McKenna) 56.5 (Jessica Eaton) 1, 5.00 RAVNIKAR 59 (J Maund) 2, 2.10 fav MELISSA KATE 60.5 (Ms K Walters) 3. Then followed: 15.00 Benovsky 21.00 Ali Orphan Scr: Thunder Park. HH, 2-1/2 len. Time: 1:13.45. **Tab Nos: 4 Cranc $2.50 $1.20 2 Ravnikar $2.30 1 Melissa Kate NTD. Quinella: $6.00. Exacta: $11.20. Trifecta: $19.40. First 4: (4 2 1 6) $35.60. Scr: 3.**

6—THOMAS FOODS INTERNATIONAL (BM54) 908m: 2.90 fav MADDISON MISS (b/br M 5y Valentia - Routine Miss. Trainer: Shayne Cahill) 58.0 cd 55 (Caitlin Tootell) 1, 9.50 CARRY ON CAMPING 56.5 (Harry Grace) 2, 3.40 GEMINGA 61.0 cd 58 (Zoe Lloyd) 3. Then followed: 20.00 Keettom 6.50 Tydeus 41.00 Titan I Am 31.00 Bunumburt 21.00 Bywonner 8.50 Tarasque 18.00 Oamaru Poppy Scr: Stake A Claim. SN, 1-1/2 len. Time: 0:52.79. **Tab Nos: 3 Maddison Miss $2.90 $1.20 6 Carry On Camping $2.20 1 Geminga $1.60. Quinella: $17.70. Exacta: $25.80. Trifecta: $68.40. Duets: 3-6: $5.40, 3-1: $2.00, 6-1: $6.60. First 4: (3 6 1 10) $404.50. Scr: 8.**

7—BUDGET RENTAL CARS MOUNT GAMBIER HCP (58) 1565m: 2.40 fav DALE'S ROCKET (ch G 7y Good Journey (USA) - Delightful Dale. Trainer: Vanessa Hutchinson) 60 (Ms C Puls) 1, 26.00 MANHATTAN LANE 54 (Harry Grace) 2, 9.00 WHISTLER GIRL 55 (C Atkinson) 3. Then followed: 6.50 Langworthy 12.00 Roll Me Away 7.50 Aeroette 11.00 Fighting Fund 13.00 Forever Waiting 8.00 Carak Scr: Imposing Suspect. 1 len, 1 len. Time: 1:35.55. **Tab Nos: 1 Dale's Rocket $2.30 $1.20 10 Manhattan Lane $7.50 8 Whistler Girl $2.90. Quinella: $46.10. Exacta: $65.00. Trifecta: $506.10. Duets: 1-10: $17.40, 1-8: $4.90, 10-8: $43.90. First 4: (1 10 8 7) $1,686.00. Scr: 2.**

Penrith 'respect' Jarome's big shift

The Panthers have responded to Jarome Luai's decision to join Wests Tigers from 2025 on a five-year deal, with the three-time defending premiers expressing their "disappointment" but ultimately "respecting Jarome's choice" as salary cap pressures force another star out of the club.

Luai announced on Wednesday that he was heading to the Tigers next year to link up with childhood hero Benji Marshall, who has had his biggest win as a coach as the club looks to bounce back from consecutive wooden spoons.

Leaving his hometown club, where he's won three titles and played alongside his best mates, was a brutal decision for Luai, but the chance to prove himself as the head chef was an opportunity he couldn't turn down.

Penrith wanted to keep him but couldn't match the Tigers' offer, with Luai joining other big names Matt Burton, Viliame Kikau, Api Koroisau and Stephen Crichton who have all moved on.

"As publicly stated previously, the club believes that as a three-time premiership player and international representative, Jarome has earnt the right to explore the open market and although the club is disappointed by the outcome, it respects Jarome's choice," the Panthers posted.

Luai will return to training on Thursday but will remain sidelined as he recovers from shoulder surgery. It's unclear whether he'll be available for the trip to the UK for the World Club Challenge.

But he and the Panthers have stressed they are fully committed to working together to achieve an unprecedented fourth straight title. "We acknowledge that the situation is compounded by salary cap capacity due to the club's recent success," Panthers Rugby League chief executive Matt Cameron said.

Five-eighth quits Panthers to join boyhood hero

Penrith playmaker Jarome Luai's hugely successful partnership with Nathan Cleary (inset top) is drawing to a close after Wests Tigers coach Benji Marshall (inset bottom) lured Luai to the wooden spooners from 2025 on a massive five-year deal. Pictures: NRL Images

Top to bottom for Luai

Martin Gabor

Jarome Luai is hoping to win "five rings" at the Wests Tigers after signing a five-year deal worth a reported $6m.

The Panthers five-eighth has won three premierships in a row but will head to a team next year that has won the past two wooden spoons, which is one of the reasons he described it as the "toughest decision of my career and life".

Luai's announcement came after months of speculation as to where he would end up. Along with the Panthers and Bulldogs, his manager said on Wednesday several clubs had been interested in signing him.

Money was obviously a motivating factor for the 26-year-old, who has three children and got engaged to be married last week, but a chance to work with Tigers coach Benji Marshall was too good to ignore given the Kiwis star has been his idol since he dazzled the crowd with a stunning play in the 2005 decider.

"The obvious reason was that it was a great opportunity to provide for my family but also to create something for myself," Luai said. "I've had a great connection with Benji and we spoke about the future and what he sees in me.

"My first game of rugby league was that grand final.

"I was on a camping trip with my family and I got to see him do his thing out there and that inspired me.

"I've always been a big fan of Benji and the way that he holds himself. I got the opportunity to chuck the boots on with him in the Maori camp and I actually got to room with him which was pretty cool."

Signing Luai could be the turning point for a club that's been starved of success, with the Tigers last making the finals in 2011.

"We are super excited to announce the signing of Jarome for the 2025 season on a five-year deal," Marshall said.

"His experience as a genuine premiership-winning playmaker will be great for us and the future of our club. We love the way Jarome plays his footy and even better, he is a great person."

Luai now has the chance to be the chief playmaker after playing his entire career alongside champion halfback Nathan Cleary.

Panthers coach Ivan Cleary questioned whether Luai could handle that role when asked about it last year, although he showed he's more than capable after taking Samoa to the 2021 World Cup final.

"He wasn't lying," Luai said, confirming he's fully committed to helping Penrith win a fourth title. "At the end of the day, he was right because I haven't proven it on the biggest stage yet. That's what I want to prove to myself."

Luai used Wednesday's press conference to officially tell the Bulldogs they'd missed out, which he said had hurt because of his strong links to coach Cameron Ciraldo and best friend Stephen Crichton, who left Penrith to join the Bulldogs. "I've got a lot of brothers over there already and Ciraldo's like my second dad, so that was pretty tough to turn that away and walk this path alone and face this new challenge," Luai said.

Huntington tells of dark times with ACL injury curse

Erin Smith

Pain, surgeries, gruelling rehab process and extreme strain on your mental health – AFLW player Isabel Huntington says the impact of an ACL rupture doesn't get any less after the second or third time.

Huntington, 24, has torn her ACL three times in the space of six years. She is part of a growing club of elite women athletes who have had triple ACL injuries.

Joining the club this year alongside the AFLW player is Matildas fringe player Holly McNamara – who tore her ACL for the third time playing in the A-Leagues just days after being called into the national squad.

Sydney FC midfielder Taylor Ray is back in the A-Leagues this season after her third rupture.

Huntington said thoughts of giving up the game started to creep into her head during her second rehab stint and grew louder during her most recent injury. "There are certainly periods where you think you're not going to be able to get back or at the very least get back to the level that you were playing at, it's a pretty dark and lonely time throughout those periods," she said.

"Particularly the third one, not as many people have come back from three successfully so you have less and less inspiration in terms of athletes that have successfully done it.

"So there were doubts. But it's a pretty proud moment when you get to run out there again, with your fingers crossed it will be sweet from here on out."

Leading knee surgeon Dr Chris Vertullo said research had proven the female anatomy made women five to eight times more likely to suffer an ACL injury than men. "Studies take time but I think we need to invest hard in terms of research and getting to the bottom of it and finding some answers," Huntington said.

The Bulldogs turned Greater Western Sydney player tore her ACL for the first time when she was 17-years-old.

"My first one was in 2016, then I got back and in my second game back I did my other knee," Huntington said.

"It was a few years between my second and my third, which I did (January 2022)."

She needed an extended time off to recover from the third tear – taking 20 months, instead of the usual 10-12 months.

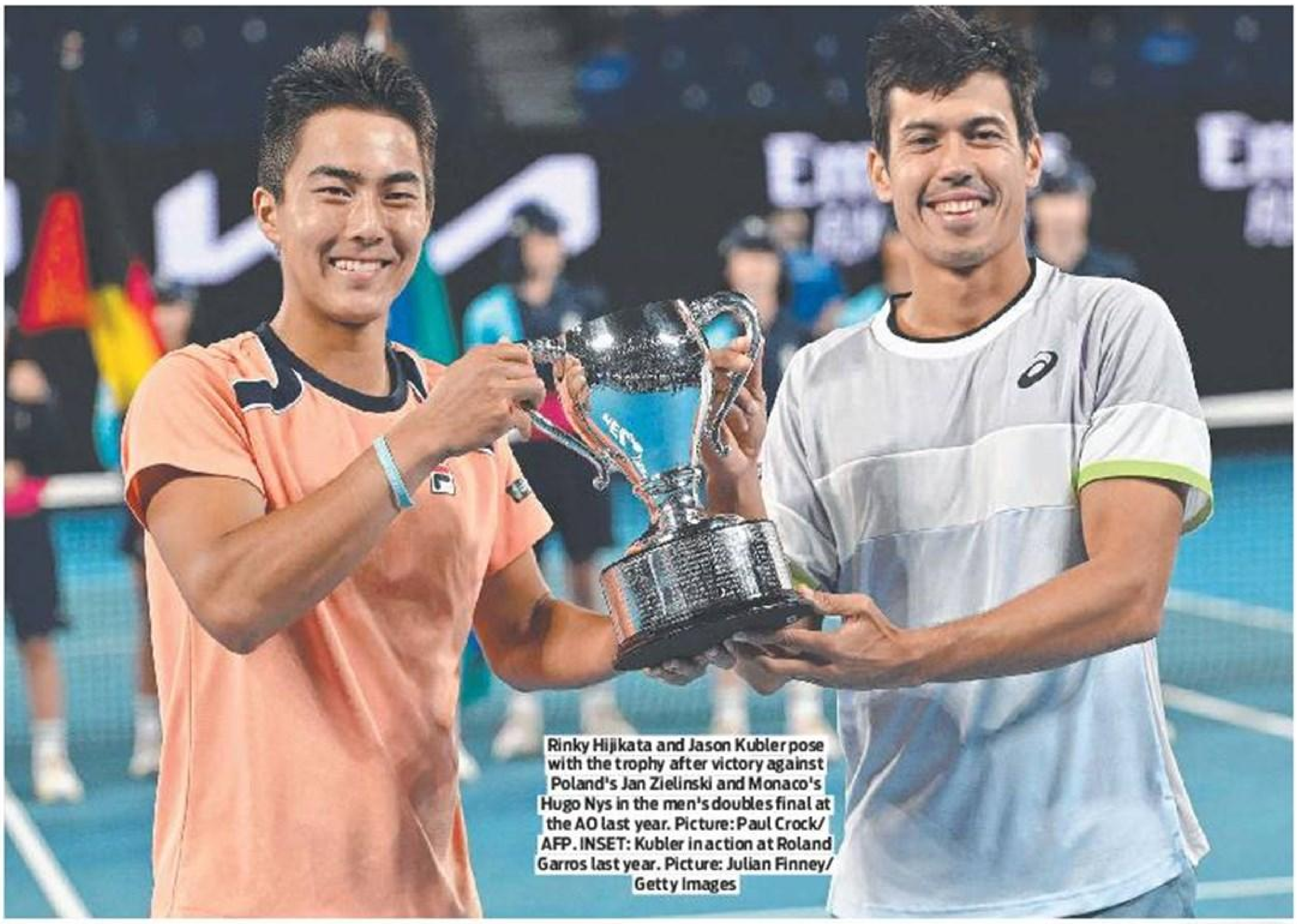
Huntington made her triumphant return to the field in September, after delaying several times for a niggle and her confidence to return.

Dealing with tearing her ACL three times has been tough for GWS AFLW player Isabel Huntington. Picture: Phil Hillyard

ULTIMATE TEST LOOMS

Australian relishing the chance to go up against one of the game's all-time greats

Callum Dick



Rinky Hijikata and Jason Kubler pose with the trophy after victory against Poland's Jan Zielinski and Monaco's Hugo Nys in the men's doubles final at the AO last year. Picture: Paul Crock/ AFP. INSET: Kubler in action at Roland Garros last year. Picture: Julian Finney/ Getty Images

Jason Kubler was fighting a fierce first round battle against Aslan Karatsev on Show Court 1 when the roar came from inside Pat Rafter Arena.

He and Karatsev were forced to briefly pause their second set as the crowd next door erupted with delight, signalling Rafael Nadal's victory over Dominic Thiem.

Both men immediately knew what it meant. The winner would be facing one of the greatest of all time in the next round.

Suddenly the stakes were even higher.

"I think we both definitely knew that Rafa had won and that we were (going to play) Rafa – it was very obvious who won," Kubler said ahead of his Thursday night meeting with the 22-time Grand Slam champion.

"We had to stop play a couple of times because of it, in a couple of big moments in our match because the crowd was cheering for Rafa."

Kubler would go on to lose the second set in a close tiebreaker, however his Russian opponent went down with what looked to be a serious knee injury and was forced to retire from the match.

The stage was then set: Kubler versus Nadal. A Brisbane International second round clash set to divide the tennis diehards.

In Kubler they have the local hope; the Brisbane boy who trained on Pat Rafter Arena for more than a decade.

Then there is Nadal, the two-time Australian Open champion and arguably the most popular player in the sport's history, who could be playing Down Under for the final time this year.

Kubler heard the cheers. The "Rafa Rafa Rafa, Oi Oi Oi".

He will command serious home crowd support on Thursday night. But there will undoubtedly be pro-Nadal pockets within Pat Rafter Arena.

"To be honest if they cheer for him or me it's going to be special regardless," Kubler said.

"However the match or the crowd happens to be, the occasion is going to be special to me ... getting to play Rafa on my home court, so regardless of all the other outside stuff just that alone is special.

"I'm 30 now so any sort of big match against one of the legends of the sport is pretty cool.

"There's definitely going to be some nerves that's for sure, because of how great a player he is, but at the same time I honestly believe I have nothing to lose. I can go out there and lose 6-1, 6-1 and not many people are going to bat an eye about it.

"I'm just going to go out and enjoy it. I trained here for 10 years of my life so it's a pretty special moment to play one of the biggest names in our sport on this court.

"Hopefully lots of people can make the occasion even more special. I'm sure it's something I'll remember for the rest of my life."

On the comeback trail from a seventh serious knee injury, Kubler is taking it one match at a time as he prepares for the Australian Open. There is perhaps no sterner fitness test in world tennis than against Nadal.

He enters with no expectations on his shoulders – and that's the way he likes it.

If there was ever a time to strike down one of the winningest players in tennis history, Thursday night in front of a sold out Pat Rafter Arena would be it.

"If I won the match it would definitely be the biggest occasion," Kubler said.

"I don't think it would be much bigger than that, beating one of the best players ever."

Osaka knocked out of Brisbane event

Returning star Naomi Osaka showed glimpses of her best but was knocked out of the Brisbane International in a big-serving clash by a fellow former world No.1 mounting her own comeback.

Former US Open and Wimbledon finalist Karolina Pliskova blasted past Osaka after a slow start to win 3-6 7-6 (7-4) 6-4 on Wednesday and reach the round of 16 after playing her first competitive match since September due to a wrist injury.

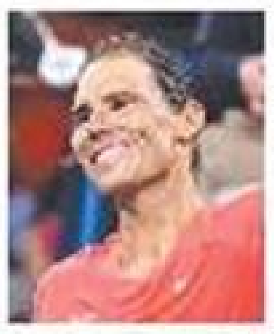
The victory keeps the Czech star's hopes of a Brisbane International three-peat alive after she won the previous two editions of the tournament in 2019 and 2020.

Osaka only gave up four unforced errors in a clinical first-set performance before Pliskova upped the ante on her serve, winning 24 of 26 points on her first serve to force a tie-break, which she won before breaking Osaka early in the final set.

Pliskova, 31, gave an unusually passionate celebration after claiming the second-set tie-break before she continued to serve out the game with all of her trademark power and aggression.

Nadal delivers a demolition job

Martin Gabor



Spain's Rafael Nadal celebrates

Former world No.1 Rafael Nadal has put the rest of the men's tour on notice with an emphatic 7-5 6-1 win over Dominic Thiem in his first singles match in almost a year.

The Spanish maestro has been sidelined by a chronic hip injury since last year's Australian Open, but you wouldn't have known after he blasted the Austrian off the court at the Brisbane International.

The 37-year-old set the tone with a trademark forehand winner to take the opening point, with Nadal untroubled on serve as the pair traded holds before he claimed the all-important break in the 12th game to snatch the first set.

It was a procession from there, with the 22-time grand slam winner breaking twice in the second set against the man he beat in consecutive French Open finals.

"Today is honestly an emotional and important day for me after probably one of the toughest years of my tennis career, without a doubt," Nadal said after the match.

"I had the chance to come back after a year and play in front of an amazing crowd and play, I think, at a very positive level.

"On the first day, it is something that makes us feel proud. Myself, all the team and family that have been there every single day during the past year.

"The first set was equal, with both of us serving well and more or less winning on serve.

"I was able to have that break at 6-5, so that makes the difference.

"Honestly, I know Dominic has gone through some hard times with injuries too, so I'm happy to see him on court and I wish him the very best for the season." Some of Nadal's groundstrokes made it feel like he'd gone back in time to when he was simply unbeatable, which makes you wonder how good he can be once he gets more match practice under his belt.

Nadal had only just made his competitive return in the doubles a couple of days earlier after a horrific run of injuries, and he'll next face Aussie Jason Kubler on Thursday.

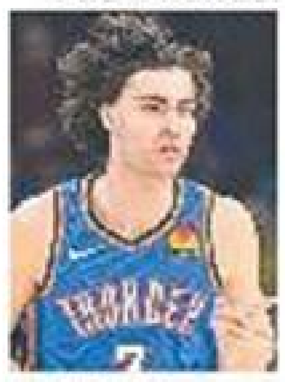
In other results in Brisbane, Rinky Hijikata eliminated fellow Aussie Thanasi Kokkinakis in straight sets, while two-time Australian Open winner Victoria Azarenka also booked her spot in the round of 16.

Giddey stars in thriller

Josh Giddey has delivered his best performance of what has been a difficult season as the Oklahoma City Thunder secured an impressive win over Eastern Conference powerhouse Boston on Wednesday.

The 21-year-old drained four threes on his way to a season-high 23 points to go with eight rebounds and six assists.

It helped propel the Thunder to a 127-123 win over the Celtics in what lived up to the billing of a top of the table clash. The Celtics sit first in the East while the Thunder are second in the Western Conference.


Josh Giddey

The Thunder looked set for a comfortable win after extending their lead out to 18 points in the fourth quarter only for the Celtics to mount a late comeback, capitalising on a series of turnovers from Oklahoma to move to within two points with a minute to go.

The Thunder settled, however, and closed the game out thanks to 36 points from point guard Shai Gilgeous-Alexander and two clutch late free throws from Giddey.

It was their fifth straight win, a run that includes beating the current top teams in the East and West plus the reigning champions.

It continues a strong run of recent form for Giddey who equalled a career-high four three-pointers in a 20-point display against the Brooklyn Nets on New Year's Day.

The NBA world was impressed with what they saw from the Australian who has struggled this season and found his minutes reduced.

That has prompted speculation the Thunder, who hold a bounty of draft picks, could be motivated to make a trade before the deadline.

Wednesday's performance will go a long way to showing Giddey has an important role alongside Thunder trio Gilgeous-Alexander, Chet Holmgren and Jalen Williams.

Tasmanian young gun Felicity Wilson-Haffenden celebrates winning gold in the junior criterium at the world titles in Scotland last year. Picture: Getty Images

A wheel team player

Wilson-Haffenden focused on more than individual glory

Jon Tuxworth

She announced herself as a star at last year's edition, but Felicity Wilson-Haffenden has declared helping a teammate claim victory would be sweeter than any personal accolades at this week's Road Nationals.

The Hobart 18-year-old shot to prominence by winning the under-19 road race and time trial in Ballarat last year, as well as silver in the criterium.

She went on to win the junior criterium at the world championships in Scotland, and has since signed her first professional deal with Lidl-Trek.

The open and under-23 riders all race together, but Wilson-Haffenden said helping a teammate win the elite title would be more rewarding than claiming an under-23 crown.

Lidl-Trek teammate Brodie Chapman is the defending champion, while fellow Australians Amanda Spratt and Lauretta Hanson are also part of the team's four-pronged attack.

"The road race is interesting because you will have some people focusing on the under-23 race, and others like myself who are part of a team with elite riders," Wilson-Haffenden said. "Personally, seeing one of our elite riders win that title would be more a reward than winning the under-23 title.

"Not that it's not a big achievement, but when you're part of a team it changes the dynamic.

"When the team works for one person and get up for the win, the vibe is a million times better than if you ride for yourself and finish fourth, eighth and ninth.

"That's one of the beauties of the sport, if I could contribute to a teammate winning it'd top the under-23 title, for sure."

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>
> **Felicity Wilson-Haffenden**

Wilson-Haffenden will use the race as a precursor to her professional debut at the Tour Down Under from January 16.

"There's always pressure in terms of you want your best result. But there's less pressure to win this year, that's for sure," she said.

"It's more to get the experience and test yourself against the top riders.

"The under 23s is definitely something (that's possible), particularly in the TT (time trial) there's potential to win that race.

"Maybe the preparation and form isn't what I'd like it to be, and probably not where it needs to be to be confident of a podium, but it's a goal.

"It's not the time of year to be peaking, it's such a long season. But there's a lot of people in the same situation."

Tasmania secured its first medal of the nationals on Wednesday when Burnie's Alex Eaves finished second behind Norwood's Wil Holmes in the junior individual time trial.

Mersey Valley Devonport's Vinnie Manion also performed well in sixth.

The under-23 and elite time trials are scheduled for Thursday with plenty of other Tasmanians to feature through the week including 2022 national road champion Nicole Frain and world championship bronze medallist Hamish McKenzie.

Questions over LIV as PGA tour begins

Uncertainty and controversy over a potential merger with LIV Golf's Saudi backers loom over the US PGA Tour as its 2024 season tees off Thursday in Hawaii.

The PGA's tournament of champions, now dubbed The Sentry, again will be played at Kapalua, this time in support of wildfire-devastated host Maui following last August's tragedy.

A field of 59 will compete in the $20m opener with four-time major winner Rory McIlroy the only qualified player skipping the event to begin his 2024 campaign later.

Even as the PGA Tour returns to a calendar-year format, the impact of last June's shock announcement of a framework merger deal with the Saudi Public Investment Fund (PIF) and DP World Tour lingers over the series.

Reigning Masters champion Jon Rahm of Spain, who won last year's Kapalua crown, will not defend his title, having jumped to LIV last month for rich financial guarantees.

That signals the upstart series can drain top PGA talent ahead of LIV's season openers next month in Mexico.

Snoop out for Games scoop as NBC reporter

Rapper Snoop Dogg will be a special reporter for US broadcaster NBC at the Paris Olympics this year.

The network has announced he will reprise his star turn at the Tokyo Games that delighted viewers.

"I grew up watching the Olympics and am thrilled to see the incredible athletes bring their A-game to Paris," Snoop Dogg said.

NBC's vice president of Olympic production, Molly Solomon, said Snoop's commentating on dressage at the Tokyo Olympics had gone viral and "earned Snoop a job as our special correspondent in Paris".

Snoop Dogg

"We don't know what the heck is going to happen every day but we know he will add his unique perspective to our re-imagined Olympic prime-time show," Solomon said.

In a video, the Drop It Like It's Hot rapper brings his signature style and humour to interviews with athletes.

Teen Littler takes aim at darts title

Teenage darts sensation Luke Littler has brushed aside eighth seed Rob Cross to advance into the final of the world championship.

Littler started nervously and lost the first set to Cross, the 2018 world champion, who averaged 108.7 to his younger counterpart's average of 103.2.

But the 16-year-old quickly found the form that has made him a household name in England. Though he averaged 98.7 to Cross' 108.3 in the second set, Littler nailed 75 per cent of his doubles while Cross had a sloppy conversion rate of just 29 per cent as the teen levelled the contest.

Despite Cross' best efforts – including an absurdly-high average of 114.5 in the fourth set – Littler gave his rival nothing as he won two consecutive sets to take a 3-1 lead.

Cross managed to snatch the fifth set despite averaging 91.7 to Littler's 98.2, but it only added fuel for the teenager to fire on the biggest stage.

Littler is to next meet the winner of the other semi final, which is between Scott Williams and world No.3 Luke Humphries, in the world championships final.

Aussie skipper Pat Cummins celebrates the wicket of Pakistan's Sajid Khan with teammates during the first day of the third Test at the SCG. Picture: AFP

Pat's 15 wickets in row

Skipper bags another five-for as Pakistan fights back

Australian captain Pat Cummins snared five wickets for the third innings in a row, but Pakistan fought back from early trouble (5-96) to finish on 313 on the opening day of the third Test at the SCG.

Losing three wickets for seven runs, the Aussies had Pakistan 9-227 before Aamer Jamal battered their bowlers with a remarkable 82 off 97, featuring nine fours and four sixes.

It was a maiden Test half-century in just his third match, with the 86-run partnership guiding Pakistan to a strong performance as Mohammad Rizwan and Agha Salman counter-attacked to help Pakistan battle back.

The hosts were 0-6 in reply at, with opener David Warner, playing in his final Test, making all the runs. Cummins followed up his 10 wickets in the second Test at the MCG with another five-for.

After being reduced to 5-96 for five, Rizwan and Salman took on the Australian bowling with a pulsating 94-run stand before Rizwan fell just before tea for 88.

At the interval, Pakistan was 199 for six with Salman on 36 and Sajid Khan seven. The tourists battled on to be 9/261.

Rizwan, who had been dropped for the first Test, blasted two sixes and 10 fours off 103 balls before he fell to a legside trap set by Cummins. Rizwan top-edged a pull shot for Josh Hazlewood to take the catch at fine leg after posting the highest individual score by a Pakistan batsman of the series.

Cummins made the breakthrough as he has done often throughout the series, taking his third wicket of the innings.

Pakistan made a disastrous start after winning the toss, losing four wickets in the opening session and skipper Shan Masood shortly after lunch for 35.

It was a rousing morning session for the Australians, who are looking to send off 37-year-old opening batsman David Warner as a winner in his home city in his 112th and final Test match.

Openers Abdullah Shafique and debutant Saim Ayub were dismissed inside the first two overs.

The out-of-form Shafique fell to the second ball of Mitchell Starc's opening over, needlessly playing a loose drive and nicking a catch to Steve Smith at second slip for a duck.

Ayub, brought in for Imam-ul-Haq to make his Test debut, only lasted two balls before he fell to a Hazlewood out-swinger in the next over, snapped up behind by Alex Carey.

Pakistan lurched to four for two and for a time looked to be consolidating with Babar Azam playing three glorious cover drives to the ropes before he was out on first-hour drinks for 26.

Cummins appealed vociferously for lbw but was turned down by the umpire, only to seek a review and get the verdict he sought, leaving the tourists tottering at 3-39.

For the latest on the third Test, go to themercury.com.au

Shield rookies' Windies warm up

Ed Bourke

Promising Sheffield Shield batters Jack Clayton and Teague Wyllie will have a chance to impress the Australian selectors in a three-day tour game against the West Indies next week.

Peter Handscomb, who does not have a BBL contract this season, will lead a Cricket Australia XI at Adelaide's Karen Rolton Oval from January 12 as the inexperienced West Indies side prepares for the two-Test series in Adelaide and Brisbane.

Teague Wyllie

The left-handed Clayton, one of Queensland's top Shield performers this season, and Western Australian young gun Wyllie are the two hottest batting prospects named in a 12-man squad that also includes young Warriors opener Jayden Goodwin and Tasmanian duo Tim Ward and Jake Doran.

Clayton posted a century and three 50s in the first half of the red-ball season, while Wyllie last summer became the youngest batter since Ricky Ponting to score a Shield century but has failed to reach the milestone in 16 first-class matches since.

National selection panel chair George Bailey said he wanted to mix domestic cricket's most consistent performers with some recent Shield debutants for the tour match.

Victorian left-arm orthodox bowler Doug Warren, who has played two first-class games, is the only spinner named in the side, while towering WA left-arm quick Liam Haskett and NSW seamer Jack Nisbet are also Shield debutants.

"CA XI matches provide an excellent opportunity for some of our up-and-coming players on the domestic scene to face international opposition as well as rewarding consistent performers," Bailey said.

'Cool feeling': Aussie young gun's stellar comparison

Ed Bourke

Phoebe Litchfield says it's a "huge honour" to be compared to batting great Meg Lanning after her commanding century fired Australia to a 190-run win over India in the third ODI.

Australia secured a series whitewash in Mumbai after the 20-year-old combined with captain Alyssa Healy for a 189-run opening stand to set up a score of 7-338, with India bundled out for 148 in reply.

Litchfield was stranded for more than 30 minutes in the 90s as Australia at one stage lost 4-27, but she eventually got to her second ODI century and put the innings back on track with Ash Gardner (30 off 27) to post 119 off 125 balls, including 16 fours and a six.

The left-hander's 260 runs at 86.66 had her crowned player of the series as she also became the youngest Australian to pass 50 six times in ODIs, achieving the feat 58 days ahead of a 20-year-old Lanning.

Litchfield said it was a "cool feeling" to earn comparisons to Lanning and Belinda Clark after so quickly becoming one of Australia's best players.

"I looked up to Meg, and recently had Belinda Clark work with our Thunder group, so to be mentioned with those names is a huge honour," she said.

"But I'm trying to take it each day at a time and not think too much into it and just keep scoring runs."

She said her prolonged time in the 90s had been "stressful" but held her nerve after losing a procession of teammates in Healy, Ellyse Perry, Beth Mooney and Tahlia McGrath as India fought back with the ball.

"I thought I was going to bring it up with 'Pez', that was the fairytale, but it took me a long time to get to the hundred and it was nerve-racking to say the least," Litchfield said.

"With the wickets falling around me, it was a bit stressful, but I just stayed really calm. I probably scored each run in singles, just wanting to get there and make the most of that big partnership."

Australia was then at its most clinical with the ball in this series as Megan Schutt removed both Indian openers in her first spell before Georgia Wareham (3-23) and Alana King (2-21) combined to tear through the middle order.

The match also marked a return to form for Healy, who posted her first score above 50 in the format since her devastating 170 in the 2022 World Cup final in New Zealand.

The multi-format tour next moves east to Navi Mumbai for the three T20s beginning on Saturday.

Australia's Phoebe Litchfield. Picture: Getty Images

Chaudhary delivers goods

Former courier on fire

Jon Tuxworth

Hurricanes' Nikhil Chaudhary in action against the Melbourne Stars at Blundstone Arena and (below) celebrating with teammates Paddy Dooley and Nathan Ellis after snaring a wicket against Sydney Thunder. Pictures: Getty Images

There's a reason why Hurricanes bolter Nikhil Chaudhary treats every run, wicket or catch he makes like it's his last.

It's not that long ago the 27-year-old was plying his trade in front of a handful of people in Brisbane's T20 league, working in a restaurant and as a courier for Australian Post.

After just four games, he's already made a strong case as the bargain-basement pick-up of the season, with quickfire innings of 40 and 32 against the Scorchers and Stars, before a critical 2-26 off four leg-spin overs in the important New Year's Day win over the Thunder.

Chaudhary has played under Hurricanes assistant James Hopes at Brisbane club Norths the past two years, and the former Queensland and Heat allrounder played a big role in getting him a Hurricanes deal.

"I've been playing for him the last two years now. He's been my coach and I'm pretty grateful," Chaudhary said.

"He's one of those figures who really trusted my skills, and got me to where I am today.

"It was tough at the start (being overlooked for BBL), when you play cricket on the side but at the same time you have to work to pay all your bills.

"But that's the fun mate, you've got to do that part to get out of your comfort zone and do those things, so you can enjoy the life later.

"I'm enjoying the hard work that's paying off now."

Chaudhary's exuberant celebrations in the field have also helped him become a crowd favourite already.

"The first game I went for just five runs in my over (against Perth). That gave team management a bit of confidence (in my bowling), so I was happy to then not go for many runs and get two wickets (against Thunder)," he said.

"Everyone needs their chance, but you've got to work hard for that.

"Big Bash is a good platform for all the young kids coming through to play. If you work hard enough and score enough runs, everyone gets a chance."

Chaudhary and Mac Wright have been so impressive, Sam Hain has been forced out of the first choice line up.

The English international has made just 28 runs in four Big Bash innings thus far.

The Hurricanes (2-3) now tackle a crucial juncture of their season with three straight road trips, beginning with Melbourne Renegades on Thursday night.

Hobart coach Jeff Vaughan was always confident Chaudhary would make an immediate impact.

"Nik's a player we thought could be successful in this tournament," Vaughan said.

"He hits the ball to different parts of the ground, reads game situations incredibly well, is great in the field and showed the other night he's a genuine all rounder with four important overs.

"It's part of the strategy to get him into the game with ball in hand, and that will continue over the next few rounds."

Chaudhary is desperate to put on a show in his home state against Brisbane Heat at the Gabba on Sunday.

He was placed on standby for the Heat at one point during the Covid season, but never wore the teal.

"I'm really keen on that game, so I want to perform there," Chaudhary said.

"Some people are texting me for tickets too, I've already told them I'll get a couple."

Thursday's clash with the Renegades begins at 7.15pm.

Son of a gun Di Venuto primed for national titles

Jon Tuxworth

His dad played for Australia, is a Tasmanian legend and carved out more than 25,000 first-class runs, but Luca Di Venuto is looking to forge his own reputation at the under-17 national cricket championships.

The 16-year-old is an aggressive left-hand opener like his father, Michael, who played nine one-day internationals for his country and is eighth on the Sheffield Shield all-time run scorers list (9974), with Jamie Cox the only Tasmanian ahead of him.

As the batting coach for the Australian men's side, Michael Di Venuto has been away for extended periods, including last year's Ashes and World Cups. But the family – including older sister, Sophia, who is also a member of the Emerging Tigers squad – was able to get together before the Boxing Day Test in Melbourne.

Luca, who plays second grade for Clarence, said his father had had a big impact on his game.

"He's been massive. obviously he's helped me a lot throughout the journey," Luca said.

"He's not home a lot, but when he is he's always throwing me balls and helping me with little technique things.

"I'd like to think I play pretty similar (aggressively)."

Luca Di Venuto at Blundstone Arena. Picture: Chris Kidd

Luca, who has aspirations of one day emulating his father by playing for the Tigers, was part of Tasmania's under-17 national titles campaign last year and said he felt more confident heading into his second tournament at Ballarat this week.

"It was a good experience (last year), I was one of the younger boys in that," he said.

"It was good to find out what the other states have in terms of talent. I'm not going into it blind this time, I know what to expect. I think we'll go pretty well. We've got a young side compared to other years but we'll be a team to beat."

Luca nominated captain and batter Thomas Dwyer, who also played in the under-19 nationals, and off-spinner Blake Garrett as players to watch.

"Going to the under-17s carnival will be a great experience for our young players to showcase their skills against the best players in the country," Cricket Tasmania pathways coach Andrew Gale said.

"Our new pathway structure has meant that these young athletes have had fantastic preparation going into the competition.

"I am excited to see them perform over the next few weeks and watch some of these players to go on to represent the senior Tigers squad."

Tasmania plays its first game against Queensland on Thursday.

Meanwhile, Tasmania players Jake Doran, Brad Hope and Tim Ward have all been selected in a CA XI squad to play West Indies in a three-day clash at Adelaide from January 10.

Tasmania under-17 squad: Jack Allen (North Hobart), Luca Di Venuto (Clarence), Thomas Dwyer (captain, Mowbray), Jonah Evans (Sheffield), Blake Garrett (Clarence), Patrick Harnwell (Kingborough), Jack Miller (North Hobart), Archie Murrell (Lindisfarne), Ben Potito (Clarence), Bailey Sheard (Clarence), Cooper Stubbs (South Hobart-Sandy Bay), Gabriel Tichanow (New Town), Riley Whitelaw (Clarence), Mason Wright (University)

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